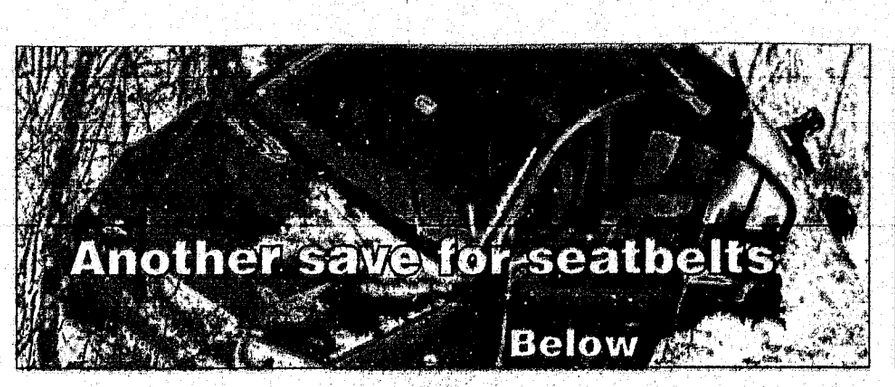

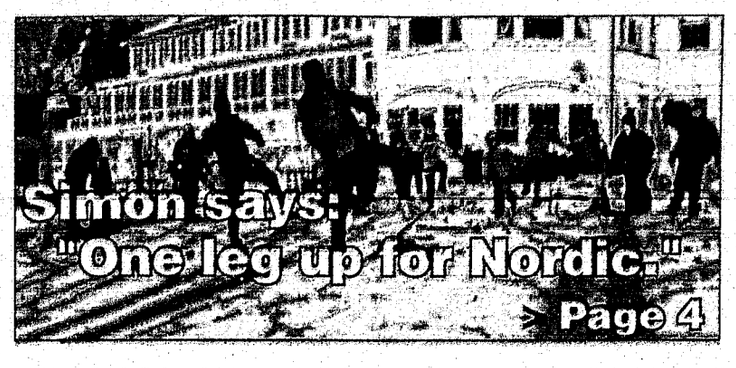

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Business association contends 'unscientific' state maps can hurt local landowners

By ALISON ALOISIO

Are the rights of local landowners being threatened by unscientific wildlife habitat maps that are compiled in part by amateurs, and provided by the state?

Some area property owners and businesspeople believe so.

Maps by Maine's Beginning with Habitat program, of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, provide habitat information that towns may use in planning.

But the state maps have recently come under strong criticism locally, from landowners and the Bethel Area Business Association. Some said map information is compiled by volunteers, and is based on unverified aerial photography, and therefore is not reliable. They worry local decisions about land conservation might be made with misinformation, and could negatively affect their property.

'endless reams of unscientific info that then become gospel'

DENNIS DOYON
On 'Beginning with Habitat'

Background

The issue came up for public discussion Feb. 2 at the Grafton Notch Scenic Byways Committee meeting in Newry, at which the committee was updating a management plan document for the road.

Some committee members, concerned about the impact of possibly extending the state scenic byways designation to other parts of Route 26 in Newry, wondered if adding it to the management plan might give conservationists an excuse to push for more local land restrictions, in order to protect views.

To help make their point, they argued that other state-initiated documents, such as town Comprehensive Plans and the Beginning with Habitat maps, are often created and placed on file, later to be referenced locally as "gospel," and possibly used to

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Fiery, windswept spectator spectacular

Hundreds of people turned out Saturday night for the "eruption" of Bethel's snow volcano, part of Bethel WinterFest activities. A burning bundle of logs standing upright in the middle of a mostly manmade mountain of snow provided the lava-and-ash effect. After initial technical difficulties in establishing an air draft (drawn through a pipe buried beneath the snow), old engine oil was poured down the mouth of the volcano, then ignited with a flare — and the volcano roared to life. More photos, Page 6. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

OCSD: an alarm a day is costly for taxpayers

By TONY REAVES (Sun Media Group)

The Oxford County Sheriff's Office is working on a new policy on answering burglar alarms, after hundreds of false alarms cost the county more than 1,000 man hours in 2011.

According to Chief Deputy Dane Tripp, the Sheriff's Office answered 327 burglar alarms: Of those, only three, less than 1 percent were actual break-ins. The rest were alarm errors, homeowner errors or rodents and other animals setting off motion detectors.

That's not counting the alarms that Maine State Police and local police departments answer.

In a county where the nearest deputy is sometimes more than an hour away from homes in the unorganized territories, it can mean a lot of driving and overtime hours. "This is really time consuming," Tripp said.

Tripp said he once responded to an alarm in Magalloway Plantation that took him two hours to reach. When the nearest deputy is an off-duty officer, their contracts state they must get at least three hours overtime for responding when off the clock.

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Proposed Newry budget up less than .25 percent

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry voters Monday will consider an $833,892 municipal budget for 2012 that is up about $2,000 from last year's budget.

Most town accounts would hold relatively steady under the selectmen's proposal, with no variations larger than approximately $6,500.

Among the largest accounts, the Highway Maintenance Account is up $3,500, to $139,000; Administration, which includes salaries, is up about $6,500, to $245,462; Sanitation is down about $6,000 to $128,488; and the Fire Department is up $1,600, to $66,100.

The budget also calls for taking $100,000 from Unappropriated Surplus for the Capital Improvement Account, and another $75,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to reduce taxes. In recent years both amounts have been routine requests.

No large town projects are anticipated, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers. Some road paving may take place.

At a future special town meeting, voters are expected to consider a plan to change the current storage arrangement for salt and sand. Storage,

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Woodstock annual town meeting

Selectmen put off vote on state building code

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen recently considered whether or not to hold a vote at next month's town meeting on adopting Maine's new building and energy code.

But their own concerns about property rights, combined with worries from local contractors about the effect of a new code on home prices and other costs, convinced them to postpone a vote for at least a year.

And while Woodstock Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman agreed with the postponement, she differed on some interpretations of the code by the local officials and contractors.

Maine adopted a new uniform building and energy code (MUBEC) in 2010, in order to bring more consistency to building across the state. But under a modification approved last year by the Legislature, towns with populations of less than 4,000 are not required to adopt it unless they wish.

At a recent Woodstock board meeting, Selectman Chair Rick Young said a push for code adoption there had resulted from "homes being built that look nice on the outside, but go inside five years later and they're falling down. That's where a building code would be very good."

He said he had heard of a problem home in Greenwood, when a buyer who planned

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"IF THEY HADN'T BEEN WEARING THEIR SEATBELTS, WE COULD HAVE HAD D.O.A.S HERE," said Ernest Peare, an Andover and Rumford firefighter helping to control traffic at the scene of a slide-off crash Saturday morning on Route 26, just above Bennett's Auto. At approximately 9 o'clock, Peter Keil, 19, and Cavan O'Donnell, 18, both of Brunswick, were were headed north to Sunday River, when Keil, who was driving, veered into slush on the right side of the road, overcorrected, crossed the southbound lane and went over the steep embankment on the shoulder of the roadway. According to Deputy Michael Halacy of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, the 2002 Hyundai went airborne and landed nose first, flipping end for end once and rotating 180 degrees before coming to rest, on its wheels, facing south. Both O'Donnell and Keil (shown here) were wearing seat belts, and neither was injured. Bethel Fire assisted with traffic control while Gaudreau's Towing removed the *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

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Letters

THANKS, TOWN COLUMNISTS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all those who write columns for the paper from the various towns around the area; they are a major reason I buy The Bethel Citizen. In an age of 24/7 news cycles that concentrate on the negative, it is pure joy to read about who stopped by to visit who in Gilead and what's going on in Upton. What a relief to know that people still have potluck suppers and Grange meetings. How marvelous to know that the human heart can still respond to the sound of snow crunching under snowshoes or the sighting of the first Robin on the lawn.

While each one of you struggle from time to time to write that first line, rest assured that your readers feel that you always rise to the occasion and that each submission is a tonic to our souls. So again, I thank you all and I encourage you to keep up the good work; I'm already looking forward to my next issue.

Ron Theriault
Rumford

REMEMBERING MARY VALENTINE

To the Editor:

It is always a sad duty for me to note the passing of an individual whom I have known for some time. In Mary Valentine's case, however, it presents an opportunity to recall what a remarkable legacy she has left behind as one of the truly memorable volunteers I have had the great pleasure of working with at the Bethel Historical Society in a career that spans nearly forty years.

Mary's family has been connected with mine since I was a child. My paternal grandmother worked for her grandfather, Charles Valentine, following his wife's death. She was also a Gould Academy 1913 classmate of Mary's father, Carroll Valentine. Charles's brother, Will, also befriended our family, and I recall he always took color photos of us and our Haines cousins following his hunting trips to Maine.

When I became involved in the Bethel Historical Society in 1974, I got to know Mary's parents, Carroll and Nell Valentine very well. As BHS Charter Members, they played a most active role in getting the Dr. Moses Mason residence up and running as a period house museum. They frequently mentioned Mary, but I did not know her until she moved to Bethel to care for them.

Besides her dedication to her church and the Bethel Library, Mary served as a guide at the museum and in numerous other capacities, including working on BHS committees, but her real passion as a retired reference librarian was historical research. Here she spent countless hours in the society's Eva Bean Research Room assisting all kinds of researchers in finding answers to often complicated historical "riddles." Once I mentioned to her that the late Ernest Holt had told me that a number of the founders of the Mormon Church had married several women from Bethel and vicinity. For some reason, that revelation intrigued her and for the next several years toward the end of her life, she researched and wrote several articles on Mormon connections with the Bethel area that we published in our quarterly. She also frequently provided tours of the region to members of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints so they could see buildings and locales connected with early Mormon midwife Patty Bartlett Sessions and others.

Mary, along with her brother Dick, were enthusiastic supporters when the society acquired the O'Neil Robinson House a little over a decade ago. They chose a naming opportunity gift, which was greatly appreciated and assisted the society in upgrading its facilities and provided increased space for collections, exhibits and programming.

Mary has left a legacy of research that will be consulted for years to come. She also served as a splendid example of an enthusiastic, generous and dedicated volunteer who made a very significant difference in moving the society forward to a brighter future.

Finally on a very personal level, Mary was the one who loaned me her copy of "Dewey," the story of a small town library cat who touched the world. It is now one of my favorite books. We shared a love of felines and she often inquired about my various cats through the years. If any reader has not read "Dewey," I urge him or her to do so in Mary's memory. I am certain she would approve.

Stan Howe
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WOODSTOCK WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Commercial Wind Energy Ordinance Committee presented its Report and Recommendation, below, to the Woodstock selectmen on Feb. 21, 2012. The Recommendation will appear on the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for voter approval.

Woodstock residents are encouraged to send the committee any questions or comments through the Town Office by e-mailing bp7ring2@megalink.net or calling 665-2668. There will also be an opportunity to discuss all the Town Meeting Warrant Articles at a Public Hearing the evening of March 13, 2012 at the Town Office, beginning at 6.

The Report:

This committee was appointed by Woodstock's selectmen in the late spring of 2011 and has been meeting regularly since September 2011. The purpose of the committee is to write an ordinance that best fits the citizens of Woodstock. The ordinance will guide the application and operation processes of future Commercial Wind Energy facilities in the town. The original intent was to have an ordinance to present to voters at the 2012 town meeting.

Because of differing local opinions both for and against commercial wind development, the committee believes it would be helpful to the town and our committee to experience and observe firsthand how the Spruce Mountain Facility affects residents and property owners over the coming months.

The committee will continue to meet on a regular basis, collect information from Woodstock residents and property owners, and have an ordinance specific to Woodstock to present to voters at the 2013 town meeting.

By suspending new commercial wind development in Woodstock for a one-year period, the committee will have the time to better understand how an ordinance should be worded. Therefore, we recommend that:

As of March 26, 2012, the Town of Woodstock will accept no further applications for Commercial Wind Power Facilities for a period of one year.

Bob Elliott
For the Woodstock Commercial Wind Energy Ordinance Committee

WE'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE

To the Editor:

"We've never done this before and we're not sure what's going to happen." That's what Robin Zinchuk shouted before the volcano was lit.

No, we never have, and I'm not sure anyone else ever had, either. It turned out to be spectacular, and it was even entertaining in the construction and then the sledding phase (which was so enjoyed by the kids and parents that perhaps we should consider building one every year).

I would like to thank Robin and the Chamber staff and all the volunteers, but most especially Jim Sysko. For years now Jim has been conceiving "events" and structures that have amazed locals, tourists, and in some cases have gained world note. He has brought Bethel to the attention of people far and wide and caused them to wonder at a small community that could produce such works of fancy. Jim is truly an engineer/artist, and we should all applaud him.

Chandler McGrew
Bethel

ELECT NEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON

To the Editor:

In 2010 gas companies reported record high profits and then in 2011 they reported even higher profits. Some were reporting 41 percent above 2010. In a time of economic recession, when working people all across this country are losing their jobs and homes, and companies are going bankrupt; all because of the high price of gas. Because of high gas prices everything from food to building materials has also increased. And, the effects are being felt in every country all over the globe and some more severe than here in the U.S.A.

But, what is worse than the corruption at the pumps, in my opinion, is the corruption in Washington. The politicians that we elected to represent us, act more like little children in a sand box, fighting over the same toy. It is time that we take the sand box away from them. The sand box representing their overpaid cushy jobs, and, we can do this this year by refusing to re-elect any incumbent and electing new people with fresh ideas who will work together for us and this great country.

During the Bush administration when the price of gas shot up, everything began to follow suit and since then all the politicians claim they would like to get our economy started again, but they don't seem to have a clue how to do that. They do not understand that if the price of gas was to come back where it should be, that the economy would follow. I have written to both Snowe and Michaud and they have yet to address the rising fuel prices.

When our forefathers created Congress, I do not believe they had intended for any of these positions becoming long-term career positions. This government is supposed to be Of the people, By the people and For the people; not by a small group of people for long- term careers.

When the minimum wage went to $1 an hour gas was 28.9 cents a gallon. That is 28.9 percent that of minimum wage. Currently gas prices at $3.69 and minimum wage at $7.50 that is 49 percent and if gas goes to $5 a gallon then that is 66.666 percent. Accordingly, minimum wage at $7.50 an hour then gas should be $2.09 a gallon.

Whenever there is a threat of hurricanes or some crisis in the Mid-East, price at the gas pumps automatically rise; even before the effects are seen in crude oil prices. And what about the gas already in their tanks that bought and delivered before such crisis? It only takes the mention of some catastrophe for the station owners to hike the price. And, even slower to drop, even if the crisis never happened.

Where people across this country and in particular in the northern tier states are struggling with the high cost of gas, heating fuels and prescriptions, the high cost of gas and heating fuel probably is not even an inconvenience to the politicians.

In my opinion, those who are responsible for the high gas prices are terrorists and pose a great threat to this country.

We can change this by electing new people to Washington.

Randall Probert
Bethel

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

But it took living on Celladore to "really make a Christian out of me," the local vernacular for self-awareness, Man could create marvels, perform scientific miracles, but his knowledge of the water below the surface of the earth was small, small, small.

Here we have a forty-feet-deep, hand-dug well about twenty feet from the house. The structure over it is known as the pumphouse, used also as a tool and work shop. There is a black iron pitcher pump which in summertime brings up a vintage such as Keats dreamed of in his rhapsody to the nightingale. Another pump is run by a gasoline-fueled Olds engine which has less horsepower than our tiny chainsaw. It is bolted to the floor, above are pulleys and belts and boards and a shelter of equipment quite unintelligible to me. The arm-span necessary to set it in motion is a stretch for even B.B.'s long arms. It has a crotchety disposition, sometimes starts at first try, at other times a half an hour's attempts leave one gasping for life and in a rage. The water is piped underground to a thousand-gallon pressure tank in the cellar. Finally the pump starts amid a great clanging and whacking of boards going up and down. Then a dash to the cellar to watch the water level on the glass tube and the needle on the pressure gauge, controlled somewhat by some kind of contraption in the well which regulated the proportion of air to water. Here the noise is only a gentle intermittent swooshing as air and water go into the tank. When all sent smoothly, the tank would be seven-eighths full just as air pressure reached forty to fifty pounds. Other times too much pressure built up before enough water so it was necessary to shut off the engine and go through the painful process oftener.

We thought we were lucky to have a bathroom on this hilltop and without any electricity. There always seemed to be an ample supply of water, but the process of getting it was such that we quickly formed habits of using water with caution rather than abandon. Visiting small children, between flushing the john and teeth-cleaning, would empty the thousand-gallon tank in a day. We would sit below decks, listening to water running away, inwardly squirming but saying nothing. Then B.B. handily solved this problem by replacing the faucets in the washbowl with spring-loaded ones.

As our first winter approached, we remembered that for fifty years this had been a summertime only dwelling. We wondered if the water pipe had been put in deep enough to withstand winter's cold. How to tell, no one knew so we decided to wait and see. In mid-February, a time that an ex-employer, E.K.D., always referred to in sepulchral tones as "right in the dead of winter," the pipe froze. The question was answered. Next summer the pipe would have to be re-laid deeper in the ground. We hired a man to come and thaw it and found that it had burst underground.

After he left, we sat down to reconnoiter, what to do as of now. It would be most expensive to hire a jackhammer and dig now. The water was only twenty feet away; we could carry it in by pailfuls as needed. It was too burdensome to tug it upstairs, we could go to town for baths. We could even use our old outhouse at times. It was an in-house, an integral part of the shed and had a built-in ventilator. We had left it intact as a convenience for elderly people whose hearts would not let them climb our stairs. Mrs. P.A.T. had given us a formula for a disinfectant deodorant; two tablespoons brown sugar, one yeast cake dissolved in a gallon of lukewarm water, pour as needed. Just what time in spring did the ground thaw? Bets were always made as to the date ice would go out of the lakes but never a word as to when the frost left the ground, but it couldn't be later than May. "I heard a bird sing in the dark of December, it is nearer to spring than it was in November," I quoted.

B.B. retaliated, "Be not dismayed by February cold, no one had plumbing in the days of old." So...we would "make-do" and wait for spring. I got up and started to put some more wood in the stove to revive the fire. "Don't do that," said B.B. "Why not?" "Don't you realize that I'll have to take the hot water coil out of the stove and drain the hot water tank?" "Why can't we just leave the water in there until spring?" "Because the tank might get too hot and explode, or you might forget and run off water and half empty it." "Oh."

Continues Next Week

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Several U.S. Olympic Team alpine skiers were competing in the Chevy Truck Super Series at Sunday River Ski Resort.

The Telstar Middle School girls varsity basketball team won the Andy Caron Tournament "A" Division in Berlin, N.H.

Anna Willard, a senior at Telstar High School, became a member of WCSH 6's Varsity Club, and was interviewed by sportscaster Bruce Glasier.

Deaths: Leslie S. Merrill, Ruth A. Bumpus, Janet Spaulding Towne, Edna R. Heath.

20 years ago: During the President's Week Vacation Period, Sunday River Ski Resort posted a 19.2 percent gain in attendance over its previous record which was set the previous year.

The Bethel Area Development Corporation agreed to assist the Airport Industrial Park Committee's effort to lease or sell a 4.7 acre property in the park.

Jane Young retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 25 years of service in Bethel.

Births: Joseph Morrison Stalford, Shelby Lynn Swan, Faith Janiece Parker, Melissa Ann Waterhouse.

Death: Edwin S. Ricker.

30 years ago: Jim Monahan of Gilead accepted the position of Golf Club Manager/Pro at Bethel Inn and Country Club.

A.D. Davis and Son, Inc. opened an insurance office in the Cole Block with Barbara Gasser as agent.

Gillies Realty, Inc. opened its office at 3 Broad Street.

Deaths: Charles E. Hopkins, Ernest S. Smith, Edward N. Robertson.

40 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department was preparing to publish its first community birthday calendar.

An early morning fire destroyed the Hearthstone House furniture store on lower Main Street. In earlier years the building had been the location of Woodbury, Purington & Co., Charles E. Merrill's lumber business, and Davis Building Supply.

Miss Betty House was crowned queen of the Bethel carnival.

Birth: Angela Marie Jordan.

Deaths: Mrs. Antoinette M. Rose, Joyce Cole Barker, Fred L. Douglass, Earl O. Cummings, O'Neal Mills.

50 years ago: It was announced that Michael Chretien and Robert Tifft, Jr. were winners for their appearance on Youth Cavalcade, and would attend the semi-finals.

Gregory Howe and Sonny Remington competed in the Chisholm Park Junior Nordic Event in Rumford.

Births: Steven Saunders, Wendy Sue Bennett, Anthony Michael Butters.

Deaths: Percy L. Turner.

60 years ago: Miss Carol Barton was crowned Queen at Gould Academy's Winter Carnival Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Brooks attended the Hardware Show in Boston.

Birth: Eileen McIntyre.

Deaths: Mrs. Ordelia Knapp Foster, Fred W. Rowell.

70 years ago: Harold Fuller's store and home in Upton were burned from a fire of undetermined origin.

The budget committee recommendations amounted to $46,949.32

Deaths: Lillian Winslow, John Nelson.

80 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Richardson were in St. Petersburg.

Deaths: Mrs. Stella Cobb, Mrs. Della Berry, Leonard Armstrong.

90 years ago: A sawmill was in operation in Ketchum.

George Allen England, a well-known resident of Bryant Pond, was taking a trip with a sealing expedition sent out by the Canadian government.

There were scattered cases of scarlet fever in town.

Deaths: Mrs. Nancy K. Mayconnell.

100 years ago: The West Bethel Improvement Club held a supper that netted a good sum for the club.

Death: Alice Prescott.

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Sudbury Inn remains open despite forecolsure

By TERRY KARKOS (Sun Media Wire)

The Sudbury Inn, a well-known restaurant, inn and pub at 151 Main St. in Bethel, went on the auction block Tuesday afternoon.

Additionally, foreclosure proceedings by Machias Savings Bank are underway, but the inn remains open for business.

"It continues to operate, I mean it's in full operation," auctioneer Tom Saturley of Tranzon Auction Properties LLC said Tuesday afternoon in Portland.

"It's still there, still the same chef, still great food, still great pub downstairws."

Scott Davis bought the property in 2008 from Bill and Nancy White and kept their chef, Peter Bodwell, on as executive chef. Davis declined to comment early Wednesday afternoon on the proceedings.

The bank hired Tranzon to conduct a nationwide campaign for the auction. That is scheduled for Thursday, April 5.

According to Tranzon's listing, the property includes three buildings: The inn itself, which is 9,107 square feet with 13 guest rooms and a 120-seat restaurant; the 1,912-square-foot Sud's Pub; and a 2,704-square-foot Carriage House with five guest rooms.

Saturley said he didn't know the circumstances behind the foreclosure proceedings.

"There's a lot of tough times here in this great country, including the state of Maine," he said.

"They're challenging times and without knowing anyone's circumstances — and I don't — but this is not an uncommon circumstance that folks are having challenges.

"What the foreclosure process does is, it corrects that challenge, and that's what the foreclosure process is going on with regards to Sudbury Inn — correcting the challenge," he said.

"Our job is to spread the word across the country and wherever we can. There are a lot of hospitality companies across the country and so we will be contacting all kinds of folks from different walks of life that should be interested in a hospitality property in Bethel, Maine."

Bethel Town Clerk Christen Mason said Tuesday that Davis owed the town three years of back taxes on the property's three structures. Machias Savings Bank paid those taxes on Feb. 1, including current-year taxes on the inn at 151 Main St.

For the inn itself, which is assessed by the town at $647,900, the total taxes owed to current year were $9,363.94. Taxes owed on the other two buildings, which are assessed at $259,400 and $172,000, were $23,942.04 and $2,177.03, respectively, Mason said.

Saturley said the bank is a qualified bidder on the property.

"But the reason they asked us to enter into this engagement and to do a national campaign is, because it is their hope and intention that we will find a new owner/operator for The Sudbury Inn, and that it not be a financial institution," he said.

Letters

SUD'S OWNER: 'NOT GIVING UP'

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of my friends in Bethel and the surrounding communities for your patronage, support, and love. Unfortunately, you will see in this issue of The Citizen that the Sudbury Inn will be auctioned in early April.

I purchased the Inn in 2008 just before the "great recession" and have done everything possible to keep the Inn a viable operating entity.

This is not just for monetary reasons I greatly enjoy serving the community and my guests as a host and ambassador of Bethel. Being foreclosed upon by Machias Savings Bank has been a distressing time for me, and an auction of the Inn is even more so.

That said, I am working day and night to secure refinancing to keep the best staff that I have ever worked with employed at the Inn and to continue my personal relationship with the Bethel community with involvement with classical pianists at Gould, Maine Adaptive Skiing, the new Mineral Museum, and all of the wonderful things that Bethel offers.

I am not giving up and appreciate your continued friendship and support.

Even though I am from "away" I like to consider myself a Bethel citizen.

Scott Davis
Bethel

REACH X-C DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

For the second time, REACH, Oxford County's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, is the grateful recipient of donations from the Northeast Women's Cross-Country Day. This annual event, with almost 150 skiers ages 13 and up, was held on Jan. 29, 2012 at the Bethel Inn by the New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) and the Bethel Nordic Ski Center.

NENSA, whose office is located in New Gloucester, is the Olympic development organization for cross-country skiing in New England. Women's Day included a variety of cross-country ski clinics, including adaptive clinics for individuals with physical challenges, which was hosted by Bethel-based Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation.

Community donations are vital to the continuation of REACH's crisis, support and educational services which are provided throughout Oxford County and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison.

REACH thanks Abby Weissman and staff at NENSA; Brad Jerome of the Bethel Inn for donating a stay at the Inn for a raffle; Sarah Weafer, Bethel Nordic Ski Center; and all the skiers who attended Women's Day. Your donations will help keep children and adults safer.

Debbie Dembski
Outreach Coordinator, REACH

CORRECTION

Regarding The Citizen's Feb. 16 story on a possible Greenwood TIF:

Staff of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development do not work to create TIF Districts, but rather review TIF applications for statutory compliance after they have been approved by the local legislative body.

The statutory process begins with a town public hearing and vote at a town meeting. If town-meeting voters approve the TIF, only then is it reviewed by DECD for statutory compliance.

To date, neither an application for a Greenwood TIF nor a draft application has been shared with any member of the DECD staff, and the town's attorney has only spoken "very briefly" with DECD about the general concept for the TIF district.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on March 5, 2012, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit Renewals from The Bethel Commodore Corp. located at 21 Broad St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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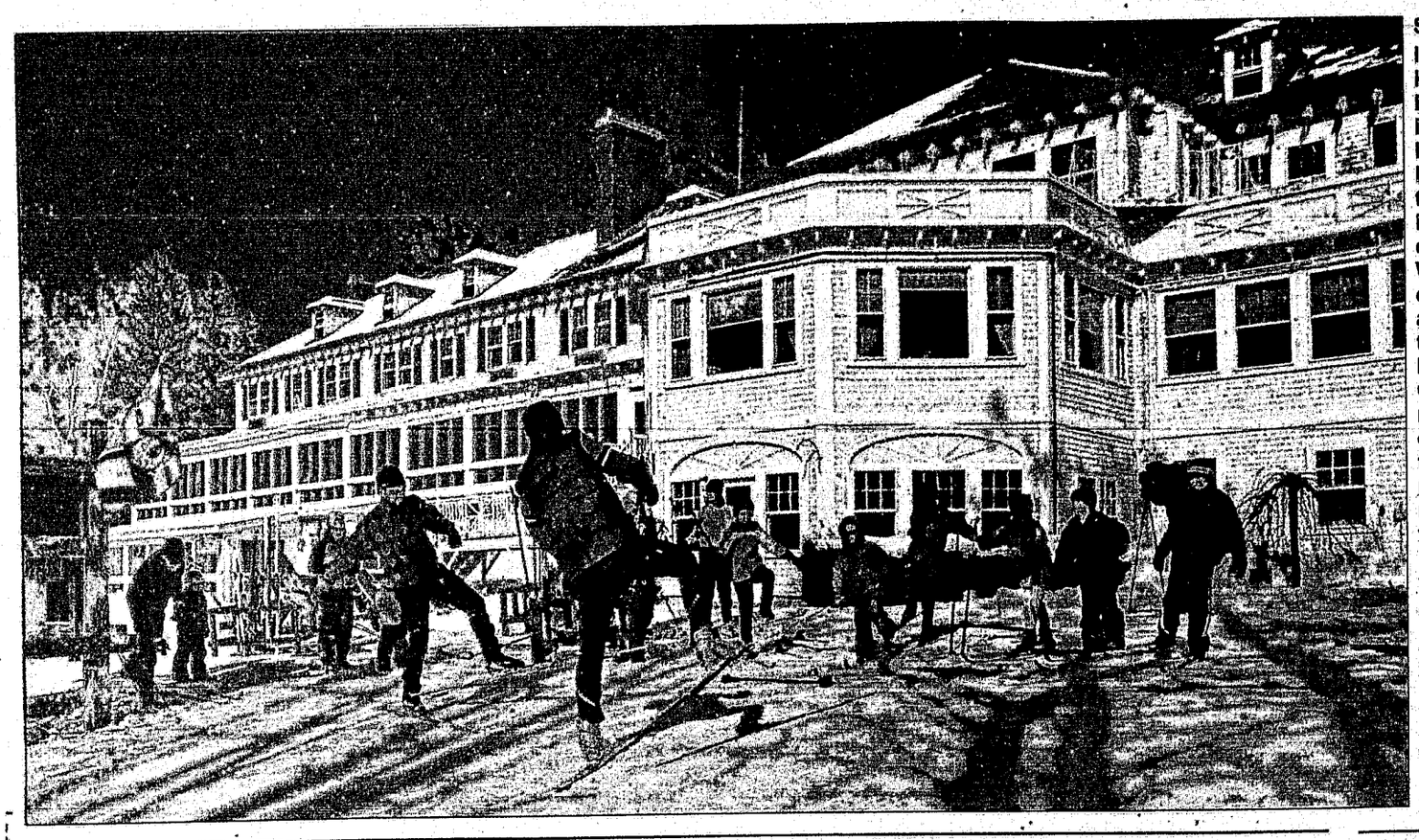

STEPPING INTO THE SWING OF NORDIC

Ian Blair (black vest) and Wade Kananaugh lead a Bill Koch Youth League practice Saturday, outside the Bethel Inn Nordic Center. Blair provided the following information on the league "The Bill Koch Youth League (BKL) is an organization sponsored by the New England Nordic Ski Association. The mission of the BKL is to develop our kids and youth, ages 3 to 14 into Nordic skiers. The League is divided into various districts throughout New England. Bethel is within the Western Central Maine district. The Bethel group meets every Sunday afternoon during the winter to practice and have fun Nordic skiing. The venues used include the Bethel Nordic Ski Center (at the Bethel Inn, shown here), The Sunday River Outdoor Center and Carter's Cross Country Ski Center. To participate kids simply need to show up. A modest fee through the purchase of a Bethel Outing Club membership will then cover all the weekly fees at the various venues. For kids who do not yet have equipment, the league will make arrangements to borrow skis. This coming weekend the kids will participate in the grand finale festival called the Bill Koch Festival. The festival will attract hundreds of kids throughout New England and will include various races and fun activities. The name of the league is derived after our great American Nordic ski hero, Bill Koch. He is from New England, a former world cup champion and the first American to ever win an Olympic medal in Nordic skiing. Bill Koch is also one of the pioneers of skate skiing which has become a huge part of the sport. Bill Koch plans to be at the festival this weekend. For more information contact Blair at (910) 452 7455.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Woodstock

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not structurally sound.

But on the flip side of the issue, Young said, "I don't want anyone telling me what I can and can't do in my own home. If I want to change an outlet, or a sink, or put in a window, I'm going to do it, and I don't need the damn code to tell me how to do it."

"The problem is a lot of people aren't going to know how to do it to code. But what we have seems to be working for us right now, and for me they're (the state) going toward too much of an extreme in the new code. I can't support it."

He also said that in any case, homebuyers should research carefully before purchasing. "Let the buyer beware," he said.

Selectmen Ron Deegan and Steve Bies shared concerns about the code, but wondered if they were obligated to bring the question to townspeople.

"I'm not sure the three of us should decide," said Bies.

Contractor opposition

Several contractors told the board they opposed bringing it to a town vote.

One said adopting the code's requirements would make construction in Woodstock more expensive than in other local towns that didn't adopt it.

Dennis Doyon, of the Bethel Area Business Association, said adoption would mean six separate inspections per home by the CEO for new construction, plus a plumbing inspection.

The town would also incur added cost for more of her time.

He also said that according to the code any reconstruction, repair, or renovation has to go before the state Department of Public Safety, but he noted the law does not provide definitions for such projects. And, he said, there would be added fees to be paid to the state.

Doyon also said the state would require plans from an architect.

"The state is not going to take a piece of paper someone draws up and says, 'this is the floor plan I want.' They're going to want something done by an architect," he said.

Another contractor questioned how informed town-meeting voters would be about the code.

"Sixty percent of the people at the town meeting aren't going to know one thing about the article," said Leon Poland.

"They're going to be voting on something they know nothing about."

Selectmen decided there was no rush to bring the issue up. They elected to wait at least until next year.

CEO's view

Last week, Corey-Whitman provided her perspective on the code discussion to selectmen.

"We see day in and day out builders are already following [the code]. For them this isn't a big jump at all," she told the board.

Corey-Whitman said she favored adoption of the building code because "I would prefer not to deal with 'what ifs' when a home is finished and if something catastrophic happens.

"I like to have a box to operate within so everyone has fair and equal treatment within the building codes."

She disagreed with some of the interpretations of the code in the earlier discussion between selectmen and contractors.

While any addition to a home that resulted in an increase in square footage would require application of the new standards, she said.

For example, she said, "people could rearrange interior walls and change electrical without a permit," and work on their homes themselves.

Changes to plumbing already require a permit, she said.

And, she said, an architect is not necessarily required for new construction.

"If you're putting an addition on your home, you and I are going to sit down, we're going to go through what you are going to do, make a list of materials, document what we see, and correct things as we go.

"That works for this town."

She acknowledged there would be more costs to the town for additional trips she would have to make for inspections.

Corey-Whitman also said that for typical residential construction, additional fees do not need to be paid to the state.

She said she does have reservations about adopting the energy portion of the code, which is intended to improve energy efficiency in homes, because the state is continuing to look at changes. The energy code can be voted upon separately.

More information on the MUBEC can be found at www.maine.gov/dps/bbcs/.

Alarms

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False alarms don't just affect the sheriff's office. They mean a deputy is racing to the scene of a possible false alarm, requiring them to drive faster than normal and taking them away from potential real crimes.

The county has already taken a tougher policy with the alarm companies, charging $150 to companies when a home or business has three false alarms.

He said that alarm companies don't take action until the second false alarm. "It didn't really work that well because they'd just get to that magic number," he said.

There are other problems as well. Homeowners who don't post numbers or who repaint houses without telling alarm companies can have deputies hunting for the right home.

Some alarm companies wait 30 minutes after the alarm is sounded to alert local caretakers to check homes if the homeowners aren't around.

Tripp said home and business owners should keep their alarm systems serviced and keep up-to-date information on their homes with the alarm companies. They should have a caretaker who lives close to the building to check alarms for any signs of a break-in.

Answering a burglar alarm almost every day, on average, isn't helping a department strained to the point where it's not uncommon for deputies to work 18-hour shifts. "We're all taking it in stride," Tripp said, but it's a lot of extra work.

Newry

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Newry currently pays for the materials from a state shed on Route 2, but the Maine Department of Transportation wants to end that.

Powers has talked with Sunday River Ski Resort about the possibility of sharing the Skiway's shed.

In town elections, Selectman Jim Largess is up for reelection to a three-year term. Powers said she has not heard of anyone else running.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall. It will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.

Town reports are now available at the Town Office, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Usually by this time of the year I have had it with winter. Though I do long for the warm temperatures of late spring, the green grass and leaves of trees in full bloom and the blooming of spring flowers, I have to say, as winters go, this one has not been too bad.

When we had snowfall in October I braced myself for a long terrible winter to come. By brace myself I mean I started complaining. I whined about the potential for record-breaking snow accumulations. I ranted about all the Nor'Easters we were bound to get hit with. I bought extra Ben Gay to soothe the muscles I just knew I would strain from all the shoveling that I would be in for.

None of that happened!!! The records that have been broken are for lack of snowfall rather than accumulation. I know that winter is not over and I know that March can be very unkind, but we've made it through the worst of winter with the best of conditions.

Though I do feel a little bit sorry for the snow related industries such as skiing and snowmobiling because this has to be a really bad year for them, I'm not at all unhappy about how winter has turned out for me.

For all my October complaining I ended up not having much to complain about at all. Well, there's always something and if the weather is not worth complaining about I can at least complain about the oil industry.

It's a darn good thing this winter has been mild because with the price of oil a really cold winter would have bankrupted most of us.

Boy, there is just no end to the complaining I can do!

I know the big oil companies like to go on about supply and demand; that is, if there is more demand they increase the supply and prices go lower. Less demand, less supply, higher prices. If you buy that story I know of some swampland in Florida you might want to invest in.

Keep in mind that these are the same oil companies with record-breaking profits every quarter that control the gas prices too. If they can't keep up the record-breaking profits in fuel oil they just shift it to the gas pumps.

It is predicted that in the very near future the price per gallon will hit $4.00 and by summer the possibility of $5.00 a gallon is not out of the questions. In California those prices are already there.

The supply and demand excuse doesn't fly at the gas pumps so they just come up with new ones. First it's the expense of converting the gas for summer temperatures. Then it's the situation in Iran and the price of crude. Well, I have a few crude things to say about that; I just can't say them here.

If the gas prices go as high as anticipated we will not only suffer every time we fill our gas tanks, we'll suffer with everything we buy because those prices will go up to compensate for the increased transportation costs.

Boy, there is just no end to the complaining I can do! However, I can't complain about the mild winter we've been enjoying and spring will be here before we know it. There was even a picture in the paper showing a dandelion blooming in February. Imagine that!

There is nothing I can do about the high cost of petroleum products so I might just as well shut up about that subject.

It's been a nice winter, spring is close at hand and the way I see it, it will be summer in no time and if summer is as nice as the winter has been....well, I can't complain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Maps

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promote conservation-minded regulations.

Not "scientific"

"Beginning with Habitat is a classic example," said David Stearns of Chadbourne Tree Farms. "Beginning with Habitat maps are done from aerial photography, and are not ground certified. Yet, in Woodstock, a group is putting together an Open Space plan, and in that plan they reference BwH probably a half dozen times. It has no scientific justification whatsoever, but here's a group saying 'we want to put an Open Space plan in Woodstock, and we want to do it because of the BwH map.' It's a document that gets put on file in the town or the state, and all of a sudden it becomes gospel. It becomes fodder for opportunity."

Dennis Doyon of the Bethel Area Business Association added that IFW also uses information compiled by volunteers. Last spring, he said, the Maine Audubon Society, a partner with IFW, called for volunteers to survey frogs in this area. He said the information gathered was then passed on to IFW, which incorporated it into habitat maps.

"Endless reams of unscientific info that then become gospel, because it's a Beginning with Habitat map," he said. "It's a complete map with absolutely no scientific evidence, but it's by the state, to be used for planning purposes."

BABA meeting and IFW letters

About three weeks before the Byways meeting, on January 11, members of the BABA had met with IFW Commissioner Chandler Woodcock to discuss their mapping and planning concerns.

Then on Feb. 3, Doyon requested more information from Woodcock on the topics, including how much of the map information was from aerial maps compared to field work.

In a letter of reply dated Feb. 7, Woodcock used a "high value plant & animal habitats" map as an example.

He said the map includes data from "on-the-ground field investigations, and data that was created by our GIS staff utilizing high quality aerial imagery to map non-forested wetland types, to within 20 feet of on-the-ground locations."

He said data "based wholly on field investigations include significant vernal pools; rare, threatened or endangered wildlife; rare or exemplary plants and natural communities; and essential wildlife habitats."

As for the accuracy of citizen-provided map data, Steve Walker, coordinator for the Beginning with Habitat program, said the maps are prepared by professional biologists, and any additional data provided through volunteer mapping programs is reviewed by professionals.

He said BWH would not take information collected by volunteers and put it on state maps "unless it had been reviewed by IFW staff biologists, and deemed accurately and appropriately documented."

Purpose of the maps

Regarding the purpose of the maps, Woodcock noted that the legend on BwH maps indicate the data sources and data limitations: "This map is intended for planning purposes only and should not be considered a comprehensive inventory of plant and animal occurrences."

Their intent, he said, is to provide "the best available plant and animal habitat data maintained by state resource agencies early in the planning process to increase predictability, efficiency and effectiveness of local land use and conservation planning efforts."

Woodcock said the maps can be used to identify situations in which applicants for local development project review "should be encouraged to contact our department in order to avoid unintended impacts to rare species habitats or Significant Wildlife Habitats, and we also consistently instruct local planners that the map is not intended to be adopted directly for local zoning efforts."

After receiving Woodcock's letter, Doyon said Friday he still felt the maps are based on limited factual information, including anecdotal observations from volunteers, and wondered why incomplete maps would be used in planning in the first place.

He noted that for large development projects, resource assessment by consultants are required anyway. And, he said, a landowner planning a small subdivision project might be put in a position of paying a consultant to disprove an inaccurate or incomplete map to satisfy a planning board.

Asked about Doyon's small-project concern, Walker said he had never heard of that happening, noting that the maps aren't used by towns for regulatory purposes and would not be used that way by planners.

Walker added that under state and federal requirements even single-family home construction must take into account wetlands and significant wildlife habitat.

He said if the property owner, whether on his own or through discussion with the local planning board, checks the habitat map before spending money on building plans, he can potentially avoid wasting money on a proposal that could potentially require changes to meet applicable standards.

If the map indicates a habitat issue, he said, "The planning board can say, 'we want you to contact IFW.' I do 14 of those a week." IFW, he said, provides such advice for free, "and in 90 percent of the cases, we say, 'it's not an issue.' In the other 10 percent, we work with the landowner upfront. We want to help the resources, and help the landowner."

Woodcock, in a followup e-mail to Doyon Friday, said in part, "Our maps are reference tools, and the use of the word 'planning' is not a subversive plot, but is intended to alert the users to the fact that it is not regulatory and in fact may be used in whatever fashion is selected by the community.

"This issue has focused considerably on the 'Beginning with Habitat' program when, in reality, the focus should be on the ability of the town's citizens to oversee the use of land in the town. We do not dictate, although many are interpreting it as such."

Promotion of regulations

Regarding the use of BwH maps in an Open Space plan, Marcel Polak of the Woodstock Conservation Commission said Friday there is no intent by the WCC, which is working on the plan, to use it to promote land-use ordinances.

Rather, he said, the plan could provide information about possible land parcels the town might consider voting to acquire, through easement or purchase from willing landowners, with funds from an account designated for conservation purposes.

Woodcock also addressed questions of the maps, or other input from IFW, potentially being used locally to encourage additional land regulations and ordinances.

At an IFW workshop in Woodstock last fall on options for land conservation, attendees, Stearns said, were told if land could not be preserved through easement or purchase, towns should impose enough regulations so landowners would have no other option but to leave it as timberland.

But Woodcock's letter said IFW "does not encourage local partners to use regulation to prevent development," and only works with towns that contact them for suggestions on balancing development with habitat protection.

Suggestions, he said, may include incentives for landowners to take advantage of "project design options that minimize habitat impacts without eliminating development potential," such as conservation subdivision standards that "reward developers with bonus densities and flexible lot design."

Walker said his program has worked with land trusts on specific acquisition projects or broader strategic conservation plans, as well as with municipalities on open space plans, or conservation of public park lands.

He said involvement in the Bethel region has included coordination with the Mahoosuc Land Trust to present Beginning with Habitat programs "at three well-advertised forums where staff biologists have been available to answer questions about using state data in the local process, and limitations of the data that can be augmented with local knowledge. We also provide GIS modeling services to assist with preliminary region-wide identification of higher value landscapes."

Maps: A local planner's view

Newry Planning Board Chairman Brooks Morton was asked about his board's use of Beginning with Habitat maps (see related story), and about Dennis Doyon's concern that a property owner with a small subdivision project might have to pay to disprove inaccurate or incomplete information on a map.

In an e-mail response, he said: "The BwH maps are currently part of the Town of Newry GIS information. All maps, including the maps that the town has developed, are used for possible indicators only as distinct boundaries are understood as being only approximate. Applicants usually get information directly from IFW.

"The Planning Board has received information referring to the BwH maps. For example, part of Great Brook Preserve's conservation land protects a deer yard.

"We have never pulled out the BwH maps as a planning tool. A USGS (topo) reference map is required as part of the application.

"As for the small-subdivision concern, most of the BwH areas of concern coincide with features that are already part of our review. For example, possible vernal pools are associated with wetlands.

"With all matters before the Planning Board, the burden of proof is on the applicant, so inherent in the process is the possibility of having to establish actual boundaries, property lines, floodplains, wetlands, streams, etc. As a result I do not see the BwH maps as having any more or less significance in the planning process as any of the other maps that the Planning Board uses.

"It's not a matter of proving the map wrong, as all of our reference maps are understood to indicate general conditions. The Planning Board makes its decision on maps and information presented by the applicant. Any applicant, no matter what the scale, may be required to provide more information. The truth is, if you want to subdivide in a wetland you need to prove that you can.

"I think the important point to make is that some people view regulations as bad and there are others that think that all development is bad. No matter which side you are on, information about the land is not bad."

Veterans' Monument List

The Veteran's Monument Names Committee (VMNC) and the Bethel Citizen are currently publishing the names of Veterans from the World War I and who went in from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason in 2 parts.

Based on the information we have acquired to date through the Maine Archives, the Mundt Allen Post #81 and other sources, the following veterans should be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll for the Town.

All names have been cross checked to their headstone for the correct spelling of the name. The VMNC would like citizens to look at these names and let us know if there should be any additions or deletions or information we should know added to this list, and if so, the documentation of information that would back up this request. Other wars will be published in upcoming issues. Listed below are names and the cemetery of burial.

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Readers who have further information are asked to contact a member of the committee by March 16. Mail or e-mail changes to: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, ME 04217, carjar95@megalink.net, or call 207-357-2772; or to Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, rlgx2@megalink.net, or call 207-836-2802.

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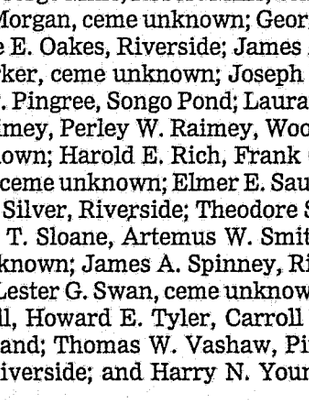
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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 21

At 5:03 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle operating erratically and with excessive speed, westbound on Route 2. Deputy Matt Baker was assigned.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

At 10:14 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Main Street for a report of an unwanted subject. The person had already left.

At 3:58 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Sunday River Road for a 911 hangup call. Children had been playing with the phone.

At 10:53 p.m. a caller reported an intoxicated individual leaving a business, and was somewhere on Route 2 heading toward Rumford. Information was passed on to the state police and the Rumford P.D.

Friday, Feb. 24

At 7:13 a.m. a caller on Sunset Hill reported that when he arrived at work the lock on his work trailer had been removed and several tools stolen. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

At 7:04 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Main Street for a single vehicle accident with no injuries.

Saturday, Feb. 25

At 1:10 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy assisted the Highway Department in getting two vehicles removed from Main Street that were hindering snow removal.

At 6:02 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco stood by on Route 2 with a vehicle until family members arrived with gas.

At 7:13 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Bailey Road for a property damage accident with no injuries.

At 8:48 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a one-vehicle accident.

At 6:21 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Route 2 for a car-deer accident, with no injuries.

At 6:44 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes received a complaint of a violation of protection order. After an investigation it was determined that probable cause did not exist for a violation.

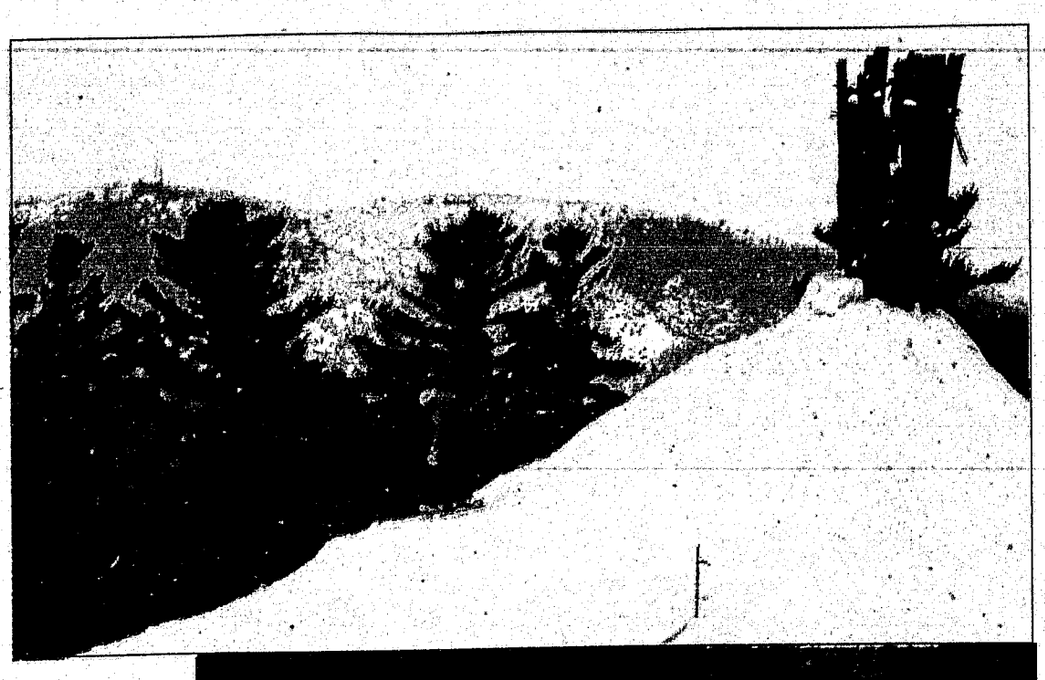
At 7:49 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputies Matt Noyes and Matt Baker responded to Mason Street for an anonymous tip of an underage drinking party. Contact was made with Jordan Bennett, who was found to be in violation of probation conditions. He was taken to the Oxford County Jail. No underage drinking party was found.

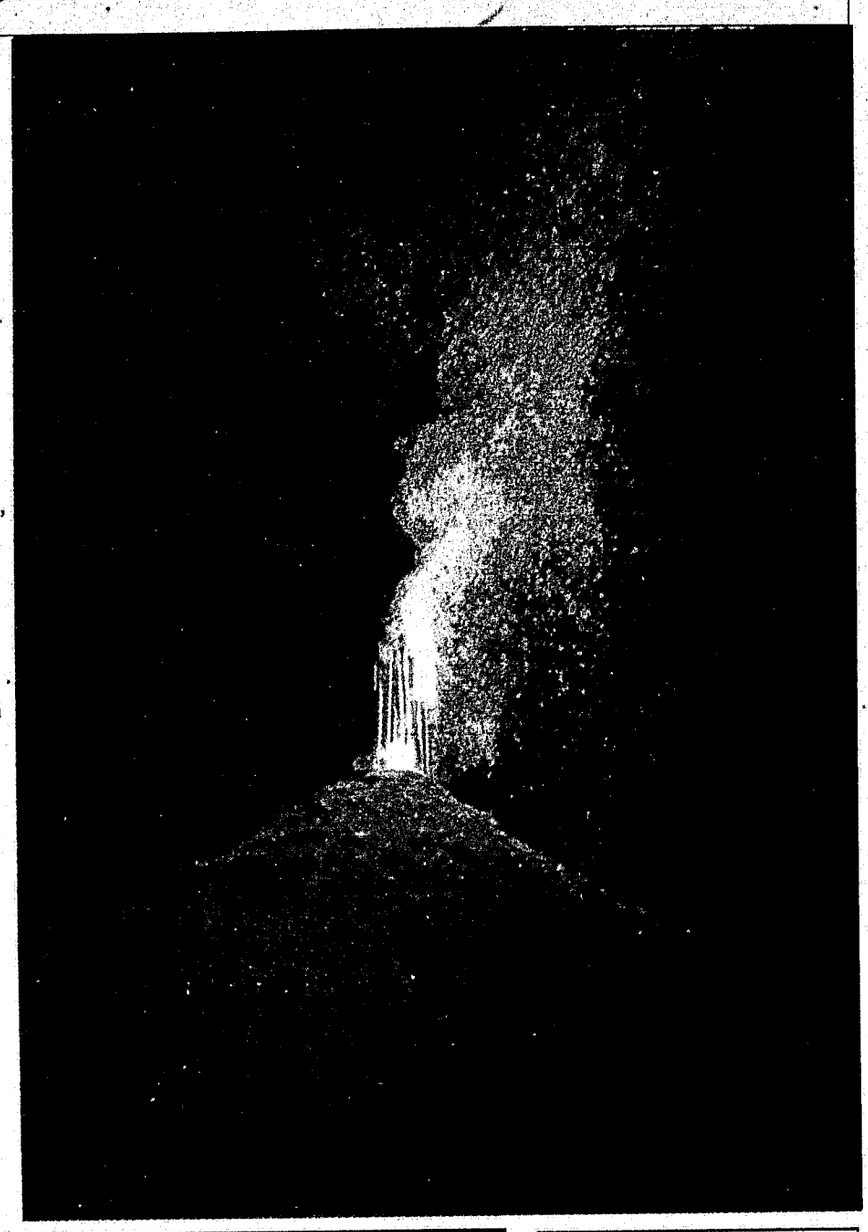
At 8:32 p.m. on Route 232 Sgt. Tim Holland, Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Spencer T. Glover, 30, of Bethel for violation of conditional release, Class E.

Monday, Feb. 26

At 2:14 p.m. on Route 2 Cpl. Brian Landis arrested Berton E. Leonard, 64, of Albany for OUI.

At 10 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Matt Noyes checked on two probationers on Main St./Route 232. No violations were observed.





FIRE AND ICE
On Friday and Saturday young and old took to the hill created at "Festival Plaza" with sleds and snowboards. Above, a snowboarder rides the slope. Behind him are the bundle of logs that, when burned, would create a snow volcano effect. Right, in the evening the logs were set on fire and the volcano "erupted."
(Photos: A. Aloisio)

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

A Great Maine Outdoor Weekend event will take place on Saturday, March 2, at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. The day-long event will include ice fishing, snowshoeing, sledding and tubing, animal tracking, and archery. The event is free and open to the public of all ages and skill level.

Ice fishing begins at 7 a.m. and all other activities begin at 9 a.m. This event is part of the statewide Great Maine Outdoor Weekend taking place March 2-4. More than 80 events will be held around the state.

The events are sponsored by the Maine Outdoor Coalition, whose goal is to promote Maine resources and involve people in outdoor activities. For more information or details about the Bryant Pond event, call 665-2068, or visit www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org.

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday, March 2, with an ecumenical service at the Locke Mills Church at 2 p.m. The World Day of Prayer is a movement of women in more than 170 countries and regions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer.

Each year women from a different country select the theme and prepare the service. This year's service is presented by the women of Malaysia with the theme, "Let Justice Prevail." Everyone is welcome to attend the prayer service.

Don't forget the 2012 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign. Pre-orders for daffodils are due by March 2. Please call 824-3226.

On Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, volunteers will be selling daffodil bouquets at the Bethel Foodliner. Money raised through the sale of daffodils helps provide resources to help cancer patients in this area and for cancer research.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

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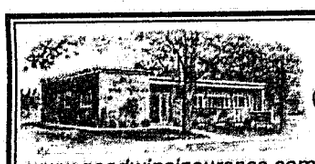
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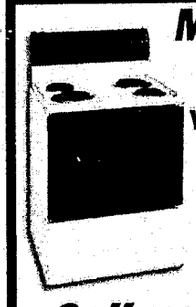
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East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

Another week has flown by again and by the time you read this it will already be March. At least we got a few inches of snow which I'm sure those doing plowing appreciated. I heard that northern Maine got almost 20 inches from this recent storm.

How many of you went to watch the lighting of the "Volcano"? Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@mega-link.net and let me know, please.

Angie Haines told me that the first few chickens of this year hatched and there should be more in the next few days. I think we can take this as a sign of spring.

If you need a chimney sweep keep Chuck in mind. You can call him at 824-4383. We need to wish their son Alan a belated Happy Birthday. He turned 24 on Feb. 20. Oh, and he is still stationed in Japan.

Sadly, this is all I have this week. Hopefully there will be more to report next week.

Andover

By JANE RICH

The wonderful snow fall on Friday into Saturday made its appearance at the most perfect of times as the Snow Valley Sno-Goers had scheduled their Family Fun Day for Saturday. There were lots of snowmobilers out with families enjoying the sliding. Traffic at the warming hut was so good, they sold out of everything.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Saturday was also a special day for Eda Perkins whose 90th birthday was honored at a gathering at the Christian Education Building dining room. The refreshments were prepared by Betsey White with the assistance of church members and the Andover Service Circle. Kerry Merrill and his sister Jeannie were the movers behind this celebration, as their mother, Ethelene, and Eda had been close friends for many years. Jeannie came from Seattle, Wash., for the event. Eda thanks everyone who participated. While the party was going on she received phone call greetings from those unable to get to Andover for the celebration. Happy 90th Eda and many more.

A reminder: The Andover Food Pantry is open at the First Congregational Church on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

Town Meeting will be March 17. Last week I promised to do profiles on the candidates for Selectman and School Board member, but several other things cropped up and I did not get a chance to interview those people. Running for a seat on the Select Board are Judy Tabb and Kim Gautreau Peare. Seeking the seat on the School Board are Wally Smith and Mark Shraiberg.

The Why I love Andover School Writing Contest will accept essays through May 18. This is an opportunity for all those who love the school to tell others about the experiences they hold most dear in their memory. Please send an entry fee of between $5 and $10 with your entry to defray the cost of the $100 cash prizes awarded in three categories: 5-12 years, 12-19 years and 20 years and up. Essays may be written or dictated on cassette or to a committee member in person over the phone, or via Internet to Roger and Barb Sabin at rbsabin@yahoo.com.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Last week the Hanover selectmen placed a load limit on Howard Pond Road and Mill Hill Road.

The annual posting is for springtime use of the roads by vehicles registered for a gross weight of 23,000 pounds or more unless temperatures are 32 degrees or less.

The ruling is to prevent damage to roads while the "frost is coming out" and will expire May 1 unless conditions justify an extension.

At the selectmen's meeting on Feb. 21 the Board discussed the Maine Uniform Building Code and the effect it might have in Hanover.

The Board hopes to have a joint meeting that will include the selectmen, Planning Board and CEO Joelle Corey-Whitman. The Board agreed to sell the old copier to the town of Woodstock.

They discussed the monthly financial statement and heard Bob Fortin's Solid Waste and Recycle report.

Many Hanover motorists use Route 232 to access areas in southern Oxford County and Maine.

It is shorter to travel that road from Rumford Point to Route 26 in South Woodstock. The Maine Department of Transportation is developing a plan to replace the Androscoggin River Bridge (also known as the Martin Memorial Bridge) within the next few years.

The present thoughts are to relocate it a short way upstream from the current location. When new in 1955 the bridge replaced a ferryboat that carried vehicles across the river. In the winter a road was plowed and cars crossed on the ice.

Hunter Verrill, the daughter of Amy and Michael Verrill, will be heading off to Vermont Technical College next fall. To keep the memory of home and friends with her she is making a memory quilt.

She is making it from t-shirts collected during the past ten years. Hunter's mother and Gardner Roberts Memorial Library librarian Peg Susbury are assisting the Telstar senior's project.

The fine folks of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library are always looking for ways to raise money to assist the self-supporting program.

They have sold quick breads and dessert items. More recently they have been selling baked beans and corn bread or other breads Saturday mornings.

On a recent Saturday they sold 18 quarts of beans. The newest craft offered for sale is an octagonal brightly colored place mat just the right size for a sandwich or similar food item. They are completely washable. The Library Bees are working on the quilt to be sold at the Annual Fall Festival.

We extend sympathy to Laird and Corey Bean and their families upon the passing of Frank Bean. A memorial service was Monday, Feb. 27.

We thought there was an early spring in the works, but we got surprised! The weather turned colder and a Northeaster blew in dumping eight inches of new snow. Electrical power was off much of Friday night and again Saturday morning.

Birthday greetings to the two twins, Shawnee and Makala Worcester, who turned four years old last week.

HAPPY 90TH-Friends and family including grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the Christian Education Building on Saturday to celebrate the 90th birthday of Eda Perkins. Eda is a Registered Nurse and has over the years been a caregiver to many. She can be seen daily, regardless of the weather, walking the mile square and is an inspiration to many in the community.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

The Greenwood selectmen recently discussed the new State of Maine building code and whether or not Greenwood will accept it. Towns have the option of accepting or not accepting this code.

Our Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Whitman explained the code at the selectmen's meeting last week. It has two components. The energy code portion could add $6,000 to $8,000 to the cost of a new house. With the cost of energy nowadays most people would probably already be including energy efficiency steps to new home construction without the state mandating it. Of course, that would make sense for an individual home builder.

The proposed state code also requires a building construction code. The Town of Greenwood has no such code now. CEO Whitman, who supports this part of the state code, said it would require six CEO visits to the site during the building phase. This would increase the cost of a building permit.

The selectmen are planning a public hearing about the state building code so residents can learn more about it. Based on the results of this meeting, they will decide whether to put the acceptance or rejection of the state building code on the ballot for town meeting. No hearing date has been set yet.

The state is also cracking down on tree-growth exemptions. The state requires that a plan be on file showing that the land is actually being put into harvest and not just categorized as tree growth for tax savings. Town Manager Kim Sparks said there are 204 parcels of land in Greenwood that are in tree growth, and 79 people need to bring in updated plans. Letters will go out to these 79 people soon informing them of this requirement. They will have 60 to 90 days to submit their plans. Sparks said the state has a penalty for non-compliance and it could get expensive.

People have been requesting a copy of the proposed noise ordinance that is being prepared by Pat and Henry Stewart. Sparks said copies of this will hopefully be available at the Town Office by mid-March.

For the first time ever, the selectmen approved the request by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce to contribute $250 to the cost of the fireworks for Mollyockett Day in mid-July.

The next meeting of the Greenwood Budget Committee has been moved to March 8, 6 p.m., at the Town Office on Bird Hill Road.

A representative of Tri-Town Ambulance contacted Sparks asking to meet with selectmen about the possibility of providing evening ambulance coverage. The selectmen declined saying that the current service provided by PACE Ambulance is satisfactory.

Carl Colby has his building permit for a new small engine repair business in the Irish Neighborhood of Greenwood. Before you know it, it will be time to take the lawn mower over to him for a tune-up.

The lake ice is showing signs of rot with gray areas and the edges have open water. Time to bring the ice shacks in and stay off the ice until next winter.

A very welcome sign of spring is all the bird sounds I am hearing. There is a continual twitter in the trees now. I have large flocks of goldfinches, over 100, and they account for much of the twitter. Nice to hear this again after the quiet of winter!

You can send news to me at 3taichi6@gmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Upton Ladies Aid Association serves breakfast 8 until 11 every Sunday morning. Not only is the food tasty, the opportunity to socialize with neighbors, friends, and others who come in is a pleasant way to spend an hour or so. The Ladies will host their first annual "Krystal" carnival March 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be in the Ladies Aid building and in the school. I will pass on more information as I receive it.

The Upton Historical Society held their monthly meeting Sunday. Fourteen people attended including two new members. After hearing the reports from the secretary and the treasurer, we discussed some of our plans for the summer. The plans include our part of the annual cleanup at Forest Lodge, potential theme for this year's parade and the featured print for this year's tee shirt. We decided that we do not have enough time to put together a 2013 calendar to sell starting in July. We will start on one for 2014. We would like some ideas, pictures of the area, and volunteers to help with this project. The society's next meeting will be March 25, 1 p.m. in the Upton House.

The selectmen will meet Tuesday, March 6, in the town office.

The Upton Planning Board met Friday, Feb. 17. They approved one building permit and one site plan review. Their next meeting will be March 30 in the town office. The workshop portion will start at 6 p.m. and they will start reviewing building permit applications at 7 p.m.

The town clerk requested that I let people know that the town office will NOT BE OPEN March 27 or March 29.

Laurie Brown, proprietor of the new bakery, "End of

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the Road Bakery," is ready to start taking orders for her baked goods. She is offering breads, donuts, muffins, pies, whoopie pies, pumpkin rolls and more. Joe and Amy Bergeron were her first patrons. The Bear River Trading Post will be carrying a variety of her baked goods. Call 533-2111 for more information or to place an order.

A large bull moose sauntered up my driveway and off into the woods Saturday morning. Although he was a long way from wildlife management land, he seemed to be content and in good health.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

March is here! Spring will be right around the corner, right? It seemed nice to look out and to see bare ground. That is gone. The little chipmunk still comes out late in the afternoon to stock up on seeds. He looks so cold out there on the porch railing.

Last Saturday, there were three male cardinals and one female at the feeder. They stayed around for quite some time. Then a hawk appeared and all the little birds scattered. The hawk flew around a couple of times and landed on the railing. I don't think he had much luck since all the birds just disappeared.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. I gave him a couple of old pictures that I found of when their house was being built. He was also checking the race schedule in the paper to see what time the car race was on later that day.

The I Grew UP in Bethel, Maine Facebook page is still quite interesting. As of tonight (Sunday), there are 292 members. I am not a big fan of Facebook, but I am a big fan of history (local, not US History that I was taught in high school). I attended Gould Academy in the mid '60s. I do keep up with this page and the Gilead Historical Society one. The Bethel page has a lot of old pictures and has been a way for people to re-connect with Bethel. I certainly recommend that anyone who grew up in Bethel, check it out. A picture may pop up that has someone's parents or grandparents in it or a building that is no longer there.

The Democratic Caucus was held last Sunday at Telstar High School. I attended as the Registrar of Gilead to register any Gilead residents who wanted to register as a Democrat or to change their enrollment from unenrolled to Democrat. Beth LaVallee was on hand as a representative for Gilead.

Planning Board

There will be a meeting of the Planning Board on Thursday, March 1 (tonight) at the Town Office at 7 p.m. There is a vacancy on the board, so anyone who might be interested should let the selectmen know.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

It is Sunday once again and time to write the news. There doesn't seem to be much going on in the neighborhood. Vacation is over and it is back to school tomorrow. I will be glad to see everyone and hear big tales about their vacation.

Roger and Yvette Barton called on Franklin and Margaret Barton on Friday.

The snow was a good thing for the skiers but I am ready for spring.

If anyone is missing (or knows someone that is) a long-haired yellow cat. It is living in my cellar. It does not seem very friendly. It hissed at me last night when I fed it. If someone dropped it off they seemed to have forgotten that there is an animal shelter just down the road. I have two cats already and really don't want another. Someone be kind and come and get this poor stray creature.

My only excitement this week was seeing an orthopedic surgeon as I may have to have surgery to relieve the pressure on my sciatic nerve. Time will tell. Sure will be glad to be without pain again.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Volcanic Eruption in Bethel last night. What next!

My chicken casserole is almost done so will say goodbye until next week. Be safe and be happy as the days are getting longer and there is hope that spring is right around the corner.

EVERYONE IS CONFUSED BY THE WEATHER - Monica Gordon of Albany spotted this robin on Saturday morning eating the berries from her crab apple tree just after it stopped snowing.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU

Ahh, posted roads are here again. Despite the opinion of a nosy groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pa., one cannot deny the subtle changes that are swirling around us here in the valley. Local stores are filling with seeds and soil, planters, shovels and rakes. I am itching to have my greenhouse erected, finally giving just cause to get my hands in to the dirt again. It helps to envision trays of tiny green sprouts smiling into the sun while I make the daily crawl along the Newry Road. Frost heaves, though they may slow us down are not entirely without their entertainment too.

I've received kudos for my navigational skills and the kids really like playing "in and out the windows."

It is so nice to come home, greeted by the dogs, the cats and the goat? I have been negligent as to shoveling around their pen and young Praedin loves to leap over the snow-dwarfed fences to freedom. Freedom to indulge her many curiosities. She will bound right over for some "lovings" just as soon as the car is shut off; just beware the loaded hands. More often than not, my hands are full and I am not able to put her back in her pen straight off. She sees this as her personal invite to follow me to the house and into the house, the twerp.

Life here is seldom dull and with more snow in the forecast I suppose that someone will have to actually deal with the pen, ya, that'd be me. Perhaps if they behave, I may even trim their hooves. It's worse than trying to remember to regularly clip finger and toenails on the two-legged kids.

While out tending the chickens this week, I was wonderfully surprised to discover a nest of brown and blue eggs. It has been a long, rough winter without fresh eggs. There is such dismay in cracking open store-bought eggs with their pale yellow yolks. Poor is the man who has never yet dined upon a bright, nearly orange omelet.

Enjoy our bouts and fits of snow here in the North while you can.

They are like an unruly child's tantrum you can do little to stop them.

Merely take heart that they'll blow till their blue,

And as soon as they're over you are Blessed with a whole new attitude.

Have a great stormy, wintery week!

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Wild Weasel continued

While making our practice attacks on the Hawthorne, Nev., site, I overheard a B-52 pilot conversation with the Hawthorne site controller. The Hawthorne site was one of many practice radar "bomb plots" that bomber crews used to score simulated bombing runs. The ground site would track the bomber on radar while the B-52 crew made their run; the pilot would activate a radio tone 20 seconds before simulated bomb release. The tone would shut off at "bomb away," and the ground site would score the bomb accuracy using their radar plots. I recognized this pilot's voice as the former co-pilot of the first B-52 crew that I trained with six years before! He was now an instructor pilot at Castle AFB, Calif., where I was stationed when I got my Wild Weasel orders! We chatted briefly via radio as I told him we would protect him from the SAM threat at Hawthorne.

After Sam and I reached "bingo fuel" (the pre-planned fuel level where we needed to head for home), we headed south toward Las Vegas. Sam asked me if I had ever been supersonic, and I had responded that B-52's don't fly that fast. He said, "Okay, let's head over to Death Valley, and we can do a supersonic pass." "I'm game." We headed slightly westerly and were soon over Death Valley National Park. Sam said, "Watch the mach meter. I'm going to point the aircraft down toward this big unpopulated area and aim the sonic boom toward the ground." The afterburner boomed, and we rapidly accelerated until the mach meter inched past "mach 1." I didn't feel a thing different. Sam said, "You are now a mach 1 bear!" "Big whoop! I didn't feel a thing."

We slowed down and soon approached the Nellis AFB runway. In fighters, the standard visual approach is to fly over the approach end of the runway at around 500 feet until about half way down the runway, then quickly roll to a 90-degree bank to the left and slow to the 250-knot pattern speed as you reverse direction to the "downwind" leg. If the fighters are in a 4 ship formation, lead makes the left break, #2 waits 5 seconds and makes his break, followed by #3 and #4 at 5 second intervals. As you return to about a mile off the approach end of the runway, you again break left to reverse direction, line up with the runway and descend to make a normal landing. The normal landing speed for the F-105 is around 175 knots, but we always seemed to be more like 185 to 190 knots! After touchdown, the pilot applies the brakes and deploys the drag chute (a very large and strong parachute stored under a panel mounted just above the engine exhaust). Hopefully, this slows the aircraft to taxi speed by the time you reach the end of the runway. The pilot turns onto the taxiway, turns the tail away from the runway and jettisons the chute for the ground crew to retrieve.

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Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER

Happy Leap Year! I hope you and your families had a great February Vacation week as the Sweetser family did. It flew by quickly just as the saying goes time flies while having fun! So true!

I apologize for the delay in my last column. The paper was unable to process it in time.

So now it seems we are getting a steady stream of precipitation. It's the time of year when the brightly colored road signs appear on every back road to warn big trucks spring is here and they must truck at night instead of the morning, which reflects on my husband's schedule.

I enjoyed Jason Berry's article last week. It seems we are on the same page. Well said J.B!

Lets take a glance back at my previous week. With school out for February Vacation, I had my five kids home and I inherited two of my best friend's kids too. We had a blast! Us girls cooked and had messy fun as we shared much needed laughs; the boys endured some great quality time with their uncle in the woods working on firewood. My brother-in-law was lucky enough to escape the snow and slip away to Texas to visit his uncle. We were able to get in some great walks together. The kids rode the mini horse, and I got bucked off my horse, but didn't get harmed.

I have been sharing some well- needed sister time with my beautifully intelligent sister.

We had a newborn heifer calf born last week. I had the honors of lifting her up and placing her in her calf crate, usually the one and only time one can actually pick a cow up for they grow quickly, so before I know it she will outweigh me. So we have one more cow left to calf out then we will be done till August. The cream is at its best in the beginning when the cows just freshen.

I received notice that the first West Paris Old Home Day meeting is going to be held March 6. They want me to hold the petting zoo again like we did last year, which was a thrill! We have a few new ideas to better the overall outcome, so I encourage the public to come and visit us in June.

Saturday we went to the movies as a family and watched the big miracle, which was not what I anticipated it to be. Then we watched the big volcano erupt in Bethel, which was a big disappointment!

Looking ahead for next week, it's my son's girlfriend's birthday the 4th as well as my Aunt Kelley's birthday, and my father's is the 5th along with my Aunt Carrol's. March is a very busy birthday month! My thought for the week is: Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, life is too short to be anything but Happy...

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Sympathy is extended to Monica Mann for the death of her daughter.

Sympathy is extended also to the family of Norman Putnam.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Ladies, the Portland Flower Show is Saturday, March 10. If interested see Beth Hoover. Sunday, March 25, the members will be traveling to Church Hill Baptist Church in Augusta for a special service starting at 4 p.m. Ladies New England Conference is April 13 and 14 at Victory Baptist Church in Londonderry, N.H. See Paula Jones if interested. Dr. Ron Caudill will be at the Baptist Church for revival services on April 22-25.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet the second Saturday, March 10, at the Town Conference Room. Larry Billings says he is resigning as curator of the Museum.

Franklin Grange will meet on Saturday, March 17, for a regular meeting at 10 a.m., with a potluck dinner at the Grange Hall.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on March 12 at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting.

Sunday, Feb. 19, we went to JoAnn and David Crockett's for a get-together to congratulate Shawn for the medals he won skiing at Sugarloaf. Those present were David, JoAnn, Ray and Shawn Crockett, Lola and Clayton Crockett, Cynthia Campbell and Grayson Wakefield, Gloria and Burnie Rice, Ken and Alice Hoyt, James Hoyt, Robert Hoyt, Lisa Petruccelli, Steve, Beth and Marybeth Hoover. A delicious dinner and fellowship were enjoyed.

There will be no March program at the Whitman Memorial Library. Instead they encourage people to attend the one at West Paris Library on Thursday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Clara Lemers will be leading a folk art paper cutting activity called Scherenschnitte making greeting cards with art, flowers, birds, fruit and geometric designs. If you have manicure scissors bring them. A $3 charge is asked to help with the supplies.

Arts Council receives grant

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has been awarded a grant for $2,120 from the New England Foundation for the Arts through the New England States Touring Program to support the presentation of a group innovating chamber music and bringing it back to the forefront of popular culture again.

The Cordis Quartet will be presented by the arts council as part of the 2011-2012 Gould Performing Arts Series Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street on the Gould Campus. The group will also perform April 4 for the Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and for area home schooled and district charter school students. The grant will go toward covering part of the artist fees to the three performances.

This Boston-based band is led by concert Cymbalomist Richard Grimes and includes Jeremy Harmon on cello, Oscar Rodriguez on piano and Andrew Beall on percussion. This group is redlining chamber music for the modern world by mixing a unique blend of instruments with multimedia elements like screen projections and designed theater lighting.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council, which has been supporting the advancement of the arts and humanities of the adult communities and school systems of the Greater Bethel Area since 1986, is able to present Cordis with funding also in part by grants from Gould Academy, SAD 44, private and corporate donations.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors 65 and older and $5 for children under 12. If you are a home-schooler or parent and would like to be included in the announcements for Mahoosuc Arts Programming, please contact 824-3575, info@mahoosucarts.org or www.mahoosucarts.org.

4-H Camp news

Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, a member of the Maine Outdoors Coalition, is offering a full day of winter fun and activities on March 3 as part of the "Great Maine Outdoors Weekend." There are over 70 events across the state throughout the weekend offering outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages. Everything from hikes to ice fishing, skiing to dog sledding; each site will offer something unique. The 4-H Camp will be hosting a daylong event here at Bryant Pond this Saturday that will include: snowshoeing, ice fishing, sledding and tubing, wildlife tracking, archery, sporting clays on the shotgun range, and more.

Thanks to our partners; Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Orion Outfitters and Guide Service, True North Adventureware, and Bear River Trading Post, we can offer this community event for the public at no cost. We will provide the equipment including ice fishing gear, bait, snowshoes, and tubes for sledding. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment if they would like, and are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather.

The entire campus will be open to the public, allowing for a unique day-long experience for individuals and families alike. Activities will be scheduled throughout the day, with ice fishing beginning at 7 a.m. and all other activities beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding about 2 p.m. You may join us for an hour, or for the day. You'll have the chance to learn a new activity or skill, or maybe catch your first trout or salmon through the ice! Be sure to watch the skies for it is a common occurrence to see a Bald Eagle or two overhead, looking for an easy meal. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be on hand to assist in ice fishing and will be providing instruction and tip-ups for your use. We'll take care of drilling the holes too! And just in case you are wondering we have plenty of ice; 12-16 inches in most areas.

Warm up at one of our several campfires and enjoy making s'mores or a cup of hot cocoa. Learn some outdoor winter survival skills and try building a snow shelter or "quincee." As part of our Tech Wizards program, you'll get a chance for a "fish eye's view" of the lake under the ice with one of our submersible ROV's, complete with underwater camera. The controls are in your hand!

If you like to snowshoe, or would like to learn, we will be offering several guided and unguided options, and games for our younger folks. Trek to the summit of Mt. Christopher and enjoy an unparalleled view of the lake. Or, take a shorter route along the Odyssey Trail and look for animal tracks or a glimpse of a wild turkey or deer, or other forest dweller. Be sure to bring your camera.

Warm up in our Lakeside Lodge and enjoy a hearty lunch (for a nominal fee) or stop in and visit our Natural Resources Museum, where we will be providing several short wildlife lessons and a chance to view our extensive mineralogy collection.

Home to the Maine 4-H Shooting Sports Program, we will be offering hands-on instruction in archery and shotgun sporting clays throughout the day. Our certified instructors will be on hand to teach safe shooting and to answer any questions you may have. Please stop in at the Lakeside Lodge to sign in upon your arrival, and receive a copy of the schedule of events for the day.

For questions or details you may reach Ron Fournier at (603) 401-1802, or e-mail at ronald.fournier@maine.edu

BHS news

The Society mourns the passing of Mary E. Valentine, one of its most tireless research library volunteers. Over a period of many years, Mary faithfully assisted numerous BHS members and out-of-town visitors with their investigations, most notably in the area of family history research. One of her most important achievements was the collection and presentation of data regarding the early Mormon Church in the Bethel area in the 1830s and 1840s; her articles were published in the society's history journal, The Bethel Courier, and are now available online through the society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org) as part of a series entitled "Western Maine Saints."

At the time of her death, she was working on yet another installment in this highly popular series focused on the Smith family of Newry.

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Since the Bethel Historical Society has become the grateful recipient of her research papers, plans are underway to complete this article for publication.

In an effort to make the Bethel Historical Society's Facebook site even more interesting, a regular feature called "Lost Bethel" has been introduced. Focusing on buildings, scenic views, organizations and events that no longer exist, this series presents a photo from the society's collection accompanied by a short description of the subject and the reason it no longer exists. Topics so far have included local schools, river ferries, changes to the Bethel Hill common, L.L. Bean's childhood home, the old West Bethel Post Office, and the big toboggan slide at the Bethel Inn. The Facebook page also carries regular announcements of upcoming programs and exhibits.

The next issue of the society's history journal will be mailed out to members and selected libraries this week. Featured will be two articles focusing on Bethel during the Civil War in honor of the current sesquicentennial of that pivotal 19th century conflict. Among the photos to be included is heretofore unpublished image of Major Gideon Alphonso Hastings (1821-1905) of Bethel. Well known after the War for his lumber dealings in the Wild River region south of Gilead, Gideon Hastings was mustered in as Captain of Company A, Twelfth Maine Regiment, on Nov. 15, 1861. He was later promoted to Major and transferred to the Twelfth Maine Battalion, and mustered out April 18, 1866. Also included in this issue will be a special flyer and order form for the society's recently published book focusing on a Bethel woman's life before and during the War. Entitled "Write Quick": War and a Woman's Life in Letters, *1836*-1867, the 572-page book has been transcribed and edited by Ann Fox Chandonnet and Roberta Gibson Pevear; this fascinating volume is based on Civil War era documents, letters and diaries donated to the Bethel Historical Society by Mrs. Pevear in 2005. Impressively narrated and edited, the book tells the story of one New England family's daily experiences on the Civil War home front and battlefield, through never-before-published primary source materials. The volume is currently available in the society's Museum Shop (Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April; 824-2908) and also through the organization's website.

West Paris Library news

The West Paris Library will hold open houses to introduce a new set of community services from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 9 and from 10 to noon on Saturday, March 10. The public is invited to come share some light refreshments. Find out about these new services, and meet our volunteers.

The community services being offered are funded by a grant from the Maine Reads Community Literacy Program. Through this grant and the time and talent of our volunteers, the library now offers assistance to anyone who needs help to do the following: look for a job, apply for work, seek public assistance, fill out forms of any kind (by hand or using the computer), improve their reading and writing.

There is a volunteer at the library every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. to help anyone who drops by during that time. These services are also available by appointment. In addition, the library continues to offer one-on-one math tutoring for adults and school children (grades 1 through 6), after-school math help (grades 1 through 6), one-on-one help to anyone wanting to improve their reading and writing.

A volunteer tutor is at the library on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. to offer these services. They are also available by appointment.

Universalist Church news

First Universalist Church of West Paris March Worship Services: March is a hopeful time of year – we spring forward the clocks, migrating birds begin to return; we're wearing-the-green, and we think green, too, with the promise of warm, sunny days manifest through seedlings started indoors this month. March worship services at The First Universalist Church of West Paris also promise to be just as uplifting as our seedlings of hope. Services are presented with a combination of Worship Service Committee members and guest speakers. All are welcome to attend; services are 9 a.m. every Sunday until mid-June.

March 4--"What's it Worth?"appraising our faith, Antiques Roadshow expert style, and how helpful that appraisal might be to us, led by guest speaker The Reverend Robert E. Wolf, retired UU minister having served churches in Buffalo, N.Y., Caribou and Portland, Maine, Needham, Mass., and Keene, N.H., over his nearly 40-year career. He grew up in suburban Boston and is a graduate of Northeastern University and of Meadville Theological School and the University of Chicago. He and his wife, Mary, presently live in Auburn, Maine, and are active members of the First Universalist Church of Auburn.

March 11--"Embracing Transition" led by The Reverend Sarah Shepley, who is an ordained interfaith minister in Maine's western hills. She is also a graduate of the Portland School of Art and has been a professional artist in mixed media for over 20 years.

March 18-- "What Do We Do to Others?" led by Bob Clifford, church member, and retired guidance counselor from Oxford Hills High School where he worked for 28 years.

March 25--Fourth in a series of the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles: "A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning"--Worship Service Committee; service led by Pam Burke.

For more information about the church and services, please call Marta Clements, 674-2143. You can also visit www.uua.org/ to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

Prime Time Ski Club

Seems every time we write "we need snow," we get snow. Therefore, we need snow! Last week's eight or so inches did great things as a topping on the fine base here at Sunday River. Another storm, as of this writing, should be bearing down on us right about the time this is printed. Is it too much to hope for two winter storms in the same week?

Groomed skiing at the mountain has never been better and with the latest storm many of those bumps and glades which have been roped off most of the year are now ready for some action too. Primetime is back on the trails in earnest after our time off for President's Week. We hope and believe that many of the later school vacations from north and west will be joining us on the hill. With now well over 100 trails spread over eight peaks and a dozen-plus lifts spinning, there's plenty of room to accommodate everyone.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects. Info at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT-Last week Woodstock selectmen presented the town's Boston Post Cane to Leroy Day, 95. The cane is traditionally presented to a town's oldest resident. Day has good genes working in his favor – both his mother and his grandfather were holders of the cane in the past, he said. He is shown here with, from left, Selectmen Steve Bies and Rick Young, and Town Manager Vern Maxfield. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Church Services

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided.Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

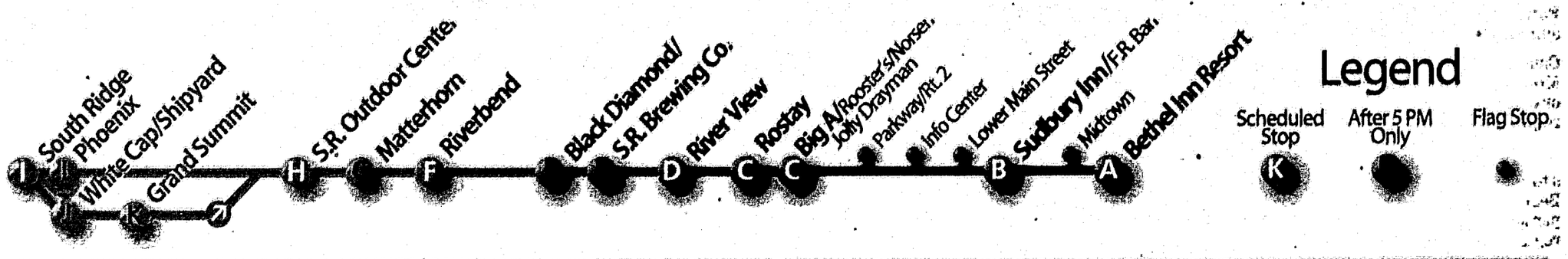
United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. onWednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882. ***Pleasant Valley Bible*** Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a,m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries-Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Missionet Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.



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Sports

Gould Academy senior Molly Siegel of Bethel has earned a spot to compete at the USSA Nordic Junior Nationals event in Midway, Utah from March 2-11. "Molly being named to the Junior National team is a great accomplishment," said Gould Academy Head Nordic Coach Tim Whiton. "It is the culmination of a lot of hard work on her part and it shows her skiing has come to a new level this season, setting her up very well for racing next year for Dartmouth College." Siegel earned her spot on the New England Junior National Team Feb. 19 after placing 10th in the 10km at the 2011-2012 TD Bank Eastern Cup in Craftsbury, Vt. She was also the second J1 overall at the event, a finish that further solidified her place on the team. She is one of a handful of New England's fastest J1 skiers and the only J1 on the team from Maine.

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball League

Laid Back Installers captured first place in the regular season by virtue of a close fought 71-70 win over an upset minded Mt Abram. Archies finally found the win column after several close attempts the last several weeks by upsetting Jay, 89-72. The Bethel Bobcats easily overwhelmed J&G Ballers, 83-52.

LBI (10-1) clamped down on their defense in the end to deny a last second three-point shot attempt from Mt Abram (8-3), who could only manage a two-point put back as time expired. This tight, physical contest went back and forth throughout with the outcome uncertain. Earlier in the year, Mt. Abram beat an undermanned LBI and then LBI returned the favor. LBI's scoring was diversified with Eric Canwell getting 13 points, Bryan Canwell and Owen Jones 12 each and James Whirley adding 11. Mt. Abram also shared the wealth as Trevis Knapp led with 17 points and Matt Newell 10 on the inside, while the back court tandem of JT Taylor and Tyler Wentworth hit for 15 each.

Archies(1-10) earned their first win in two years upsetting an injury plagued Jay club (3-7). Archies led throughout the game and were excited to crack the victory column. They were led by Mike Holmquist with 27 total points and 5 threes, Jeremy Childs was next with 16 and Mike Leclerc added 12. Jay's Tim Lamuorex hit for 30 points including 8 bombs, Levi Armandi 17 and Eric Gemelli 12 were next in line.

The Bethel Bobcats (8-3) created a tie for second place while running wild over J&G Ballers(3-7). The contest started out competitive but was quickly put out of reach as Ryan Savage slashed for 26 points, Matt Zetts added 17, Wade Osgood 13 and Terry Collins 13. J&G received 17 points from venerable Dan Thibeault and Jamie Downs helped with 14.

In the final Sunday of the regular season, March 4th, Bethel and Mt. Abram play to decide second place and a first round bye at 11:30 a.m.. That game is sandwiched around an LBI, Archies match up at 10 a.m. and J&G Ballers, Jay game at 1p.m., which will determine 4th place.

Honor roll

Crescent Park Elementary

The following students have been named to Crescent Park Elementary School honor roll for the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

Grade 4

High Honors: Chaia Alford, Ella Blair, Ainsley Brown, Isabel Chase, Miranda Colby, Lily Drew, Max Godomsky, Emily Fraser, Katherine Haley, Caroline Newell, Trey Meader, Cameron Simard.

Honors: Brooke Carson, Ashley Childs, Brooke Clarey, Kaitlyn Colby, Devin Cole-Mason, Kory Crockett, Mia Hofmann, Jadyn Lane, Jack Mallory, Cayley Marriott, Finnian McLaughlin, Lauren Merrill, Calla Orino, Carter Richmond, Aidan Ryan, Juleigha Taylor, Savannah Thomas, Grace Van Boskirk.

Grade 5

High Honors: Lilo Bean, Hannah Evans, Victoria Hamel, Emily Hanscom, Peyton Hart, Griffin Lehman, Tristen Lilly, Brooke Richardson, Sadie Richardson, Mia Shifrin, Lily Weafer.

Honors: Alicia Barton, Ryan Beckerman, Nicole Berry, Crystal Chapman, Alivia Chappie, Julia Cherkis, Lavinia Clarke, Selina Creelman, Stephanie Geyer, Brooklin Gordon, Kurtis Grover, Preston Fultz, Abby Harrington, Emalee Harrington, Luke Hayward, Blake Katlin, Matthew Lavoie, Georgia Piawlock, Gabe Pasternak, Reese Rosenberg, Kaitlee Turnick, Thomas Watson, Logan Whitney, Sarahanne Wright.

Deans list

Washington & Jefferson College

Victoria Forkus, Telstar class of 2011, recently achieved high honers at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. Victoria has also been invited to join the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and will be inducted into this honor society March 10. Only those with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and in the top 20 percent of their freshman class are extended invitations. Victoria is a history major with a pre-law interest. She was also an active participant on the President's Field Hockey team this fall. The team won their division, the Empire 8 Conference, and for the first time entered the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Saint Joseph's College

Local residents named to the dean's list at Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish, Maine for Fall 2011 term are Kami Marois of West Paris, Natalie Aylward of Rumford, Mercedes Theriault and Conner Tremblay both of Waterford.

Mount Ida College

Local residents named to dean's list at Mount Ida College, Newton, Mass., for the Fall 2011 semester are Amanda Coolidge of Bethel and Leslie Grover of Waterford.

Coastal Carolina University

Kyle Maines of Bethel was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2011 semester at Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C.

School Lunch
Week of March 5
SAD 44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken fajita in wheat flour tortilla, seasoned whole grain rice, seasoned corn, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese w/hot dog and italian bread; steamed carrots, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday: Pizza choices, caesar salad, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Thursday: Thai chicken, wheat pasta, chicken and veggies in sweet and sour sauce, mini egg roll, or hot ham and cheese/roll, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Friday: Breakfast sandwich on whole wheat muffin, or fish and cheese sandwich, Maine potato wedges, or Sunbutter and fluff sandwich.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

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Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Casting Call for REACH production of The Vagina Monologues. Anyone interested may call REACH at 743-9777 or e-mail director@reachmaine.org. Acting experience not required.

Wednesdays thru March 21

9 to 10 a.m. - **Stretch, Strength, and Balance** at Personal Best Health Club, 141 Western Avenue, South Paris. Cost: $40/person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Wednesdays thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101, A Garden Primer,** sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at lesley.quick@maine.edu

Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper,** Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

Thursday, March 1

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens** dinner/meeting at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Program by Richard Felt with music.

7 p.m. – **Comedy of Errors** broadcast live at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: $18 adults/$15 seniors (65+)/$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232. Parking free.

Free Ski Night at Black Mountain. FMI: 364-8977.

Friday, March 2

6 p.m. - **Potluck Dinner** for Tres Dias members/friends, Andover Congregational Church. Good food, lots of singing, worship w/Pastor Jane Rich. FMI: Shirley York 369-0575 or Sharon Hutchins 392-4351.

7:30 p.m. – **Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters** perform at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: $20 adults/$15 seniors (65+)/$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232. Parking free.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 2, 3 and 4

Winterfest at Historic Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Complete schedule at www.SkiBlackMountain.org/events.html#winterfest.

Saturday, March 3

8:30 to 10 a.m. - **Infant CPR** class at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. $10 pp with pre-registration/payment required. FMI/register: 743-1562 Ext. 6951.

9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club** meeting at Upton House.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Public Smorgasbord Supper** at South Paris Legion Hall. Adults $7. Dance after 6:30 to 9:30 with music by Jones Dance Band. $5 adults.

Oxford County Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner, Hebron Academy LePage Center for Arts, 339 Paris Road, Hebron. 5:30 Cash Bar and Hors d'Oeuvres; 6:30 dinner, evening program, live auction, entertainment by Hebron Academy Musicians. Cost: $35 per person ($280 table for 8). FMI/tickets: RSVP 875-2229 or republican@earthlink.net. 7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Wild American Encounter (typical animals — alligator, armadillo, skunk, kingsnake, etc.) at Grand Summit Hotel, North and South Ballroom, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over $6 advance, $8 door/12 and under $4 advance, $6 door/ages 5 and under free.

Monday, March 5

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe,** Waterford Library. Forum: "Cooperativism: An Alternative to Capitalism?" with Ed Somers moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

7 p.m. - **Newry Town Meeting** at Bear River Grange preceded by potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, April 3

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. p.m. – **Portland Symphony Orchestra Kinderkonzert Series** (for children 3 to 7) but all welcome, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: $4 pp may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232. Parking free.

Wednesday, March 7

4 p.m. - **Worm Biz** by Brett Thompson at McLaughlin Garden, Main Street, South Paris. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-8820.

7 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers** regular meeting at clubhouse, Andover. All welcome.

Thursday, March 8

2 to 4 p.m. - **Master Folk Art Class,** West Paris Library, 266 Main Street. Learn paper cutting technique named scherenschnitt to make greeting cards. FMI/register: 674-2004. Bring small manicure scissors (if have them); other materials/tools provided. Fee: $3.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Photoshop Class** at WREN, 52 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Pre-registration/pre-payment required. Cost: WREN member $15, non-member $20. FMI/register: www.wrencommunity.org or (603) 869-9736.

March 9, 16, 23, 30

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Lunch Series,** West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited. Soup lunch will be followed by a time of reflection. Theme: "Songs of Faith." In lieu of payment for lunch, participants asked to make donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. For further information call church office, 824-2689 or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10

Open House at West Paris Library, March 9, 4 to 6 p.m. and March 10, 10 a.m. to Noon. Find out about the Library's new services and meet the volunteers. Light refreshments. FMI: 674-2004 or e-mail Librarian@westparislibrary.org

Saturday, March 10

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club March Dance,** Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Refreshments, door prizes and Pot O' Gold drawing. Admission: $6/non-dancers free. FMI: www.squaredanceme.us/ or call Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

Saturdays, March 10, April 14

Inside Yard Sales, South Paris American Legion Post 72. To reserve a table call Jean Britton at 739-2236.

Sunday, March 11

1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. - **Wild Encounters Day** at gymnasium, Gorham,N.H., Middle School, 120 Main Street, hosted by Squam Lake Natural Science Center. Peregrine falcon, beaver, wood turtle, red-tailed hawk, etc. Free. Open to public. FMI: (603) 968-7194 or visit www.nhnature.org.

3 to 5 p.m. - **Alan Day Community Garden** kicks off fourth season with community meeting 2012 at Fare Share Commons, Norway.

Tuesday, March 13

5:30 p.m. - **Mundt-Allen Post 81** supper/meeting. Oyster stew (made by Brian Strickland) and side dishes.

Wednesday, March 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring dish to share. Donation: $3. An auction will be held for which members will bring items.

Thursday, March 15

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Learning About Reiki and Self-Care** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) Norway. Learn relaxing and balancing practice of Reiki. Free. Registration required. FMI/registration: 744-6196.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Arts Council hosts Business After Hours** with Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live music on stage, theater tours of the auditorium, refreshments, ARTirondack Chair previews and Mountain Arts Guide Ad Contest: "So you think you know the arts in Western Maine?" FMI: 824-3575, www.mahoosuc.org or info@mahoosucarts.org

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Finding Travel Bargains Online** at WREN, 52 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Pre-registration/pre-payment required. Cost: WREN member free, non-member $10. FMI/register: www.wrencommunity.org or (603) 869-9736.

Friday, March 16

5 p.m. - **Friday Fish Fry** at Holy Savior (St. A & St. J) Parish Hall, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford. Cost: Adults $9/kids under 10 $6/3 and under free. Takeout available. Advance tickets: Holy Savior School, Hair Design, Dupuis Auto and Oxford Lanes. FMI: 364-2528.

Saturday, March 17

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Flea Market and Bake Sale,** Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell .Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, furniture. FMI or table rental: call Linda Libby 925-3661.

1 p.m. - **Honey Bee Club** meeting at Maine Extension Center, Route 26,South Paris. Speaker: Tony Jaczak, Maine State Apiarist bee inspector. FMI: 743-5009.

Saturdays, March 17, April 21

9 to 12 a.m. - **Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

Sunday, March 18

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** served by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: $8 adults and $3 for 12 and younger; advance $7 from Club members, River View Resort, Rostay Inn, Dream Realty and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit Club's community projects and scholarships.

9 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Winter Outings** Rumford Whitecap Hike. 3 to 4 hours; snow shoes, poles, water, snacks recommended. Meet parking lot trail head on East Andover Road, Rumford. Hot refreshments on return to bottom.. FMI/reschedule: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org

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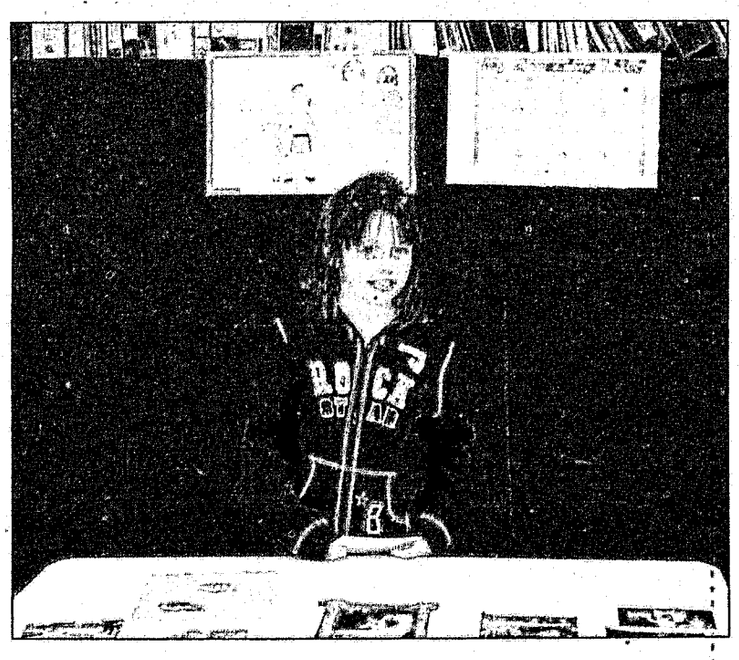
ANDOVER ELEMENTARY

An AES science experiment that student teacher, Heather O'Leary, used to teach students about the distance between each planet in our solar system, using balloons. The students learned that the planets closer to the sun are closer together and the planets farthest from the sun are farther apart.

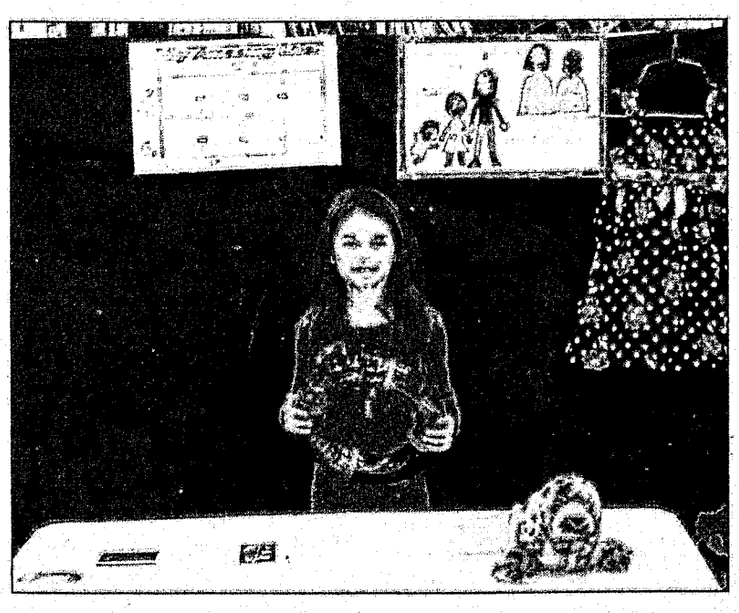
AES's 4th and 5th grade Wax Museum. Front: Pocahontas, Mean Joe Greene. Back: John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Babe Ruth, Marie Curie, Angelina Jolie, and Amelia Earhart. Absent: Rosa Parks and Justin Bieber.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY

Guest speaker, Olulbukun Ekpebor (Tutu), a senior at Gould Academy, spoke to all of the second graders at CPS about Africa. Tutu spoke to the students about what it means to be an African American. She came from Roxbury in Boston, MA with ambitions to attend private school and learn outside her community. As a senior she plans to continue on to college specifically to study creative writing and languages, as well as travel. Advice she offered the students was, "take the time to learn about someone beyond their appearance." Pictured in the photo is Brenda Wight's class with Tutu.



Second graders at CPS, as part of their Social Studies classes, all brought in artifacts and note cards showing important dates/events from their lives. They each put together a timeline and presented their Amazing Life to their classmates. Shown above is Brynn Rosenberg, and below Marianna Colby, both from Brenda Wight's class.



Left: Reading buddies from Renee Charette's fourth grade class and Michelle Cote's kindergarten at CPS recently celebrated the 100th day of school together. They read stories and poems, counted to 100, and decorated masks shaped like the number 100.

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by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "IT" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

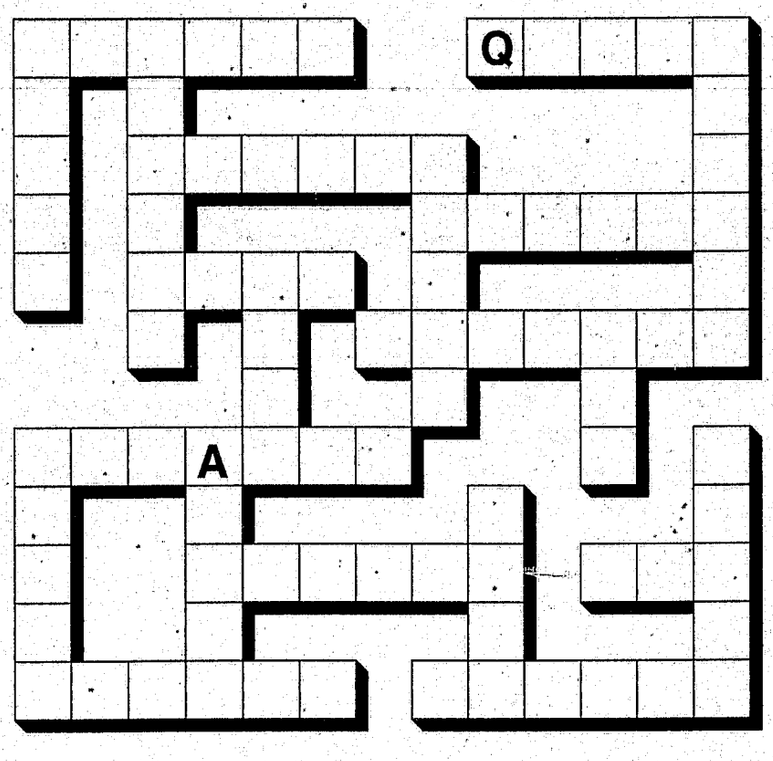
3 Letters
FIT
HIT

4 Letters
EXIT
ITEM
KNIT

5 Letters
ADMIT
DITCH
QUITE
SPLIT
VITAL
WRITE

6 Letters
CITIES
EDITOR
ITCHED
LITTLE
MITTEN
PERMIT
STITCH
WAITER

7 Letters
PITCHER
VITAMIN



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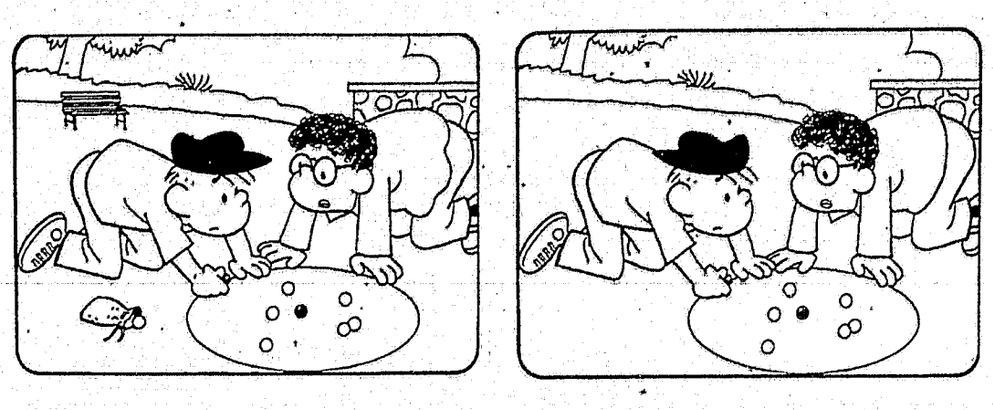
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Bench is missing. 2. Marble bag is missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Wall is shorter 6. Shirttail is different.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Huge — ATING
Murmur — EMBLUM
Measure — AUGGE
Dismay — TUADN

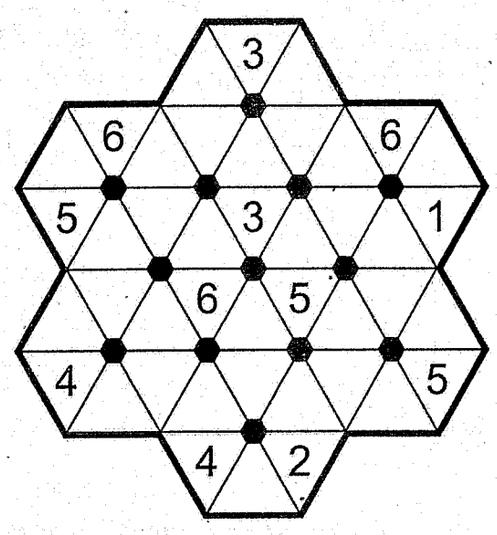
"I believe in _____ it lets you know just how far you are living beyond your means."

TODAY'S WORD

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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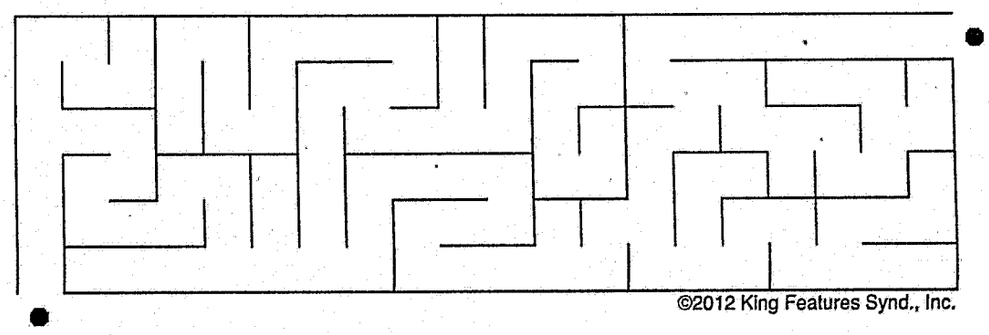
Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

WHO NEEDS IT?

ACROSS
1 Pay hike?
7 Chore
11 Styptic pencil stuff
15 Predicament
19 Model Kim
20 Press
21 It's a long story
22 "Inter —"
23 Start of a remark
26 Fluff the flour
27 Mr. Hammarskjold
28 Composer Satie
29 Majors or Marvin
30 Layers
32 Had kittens?
33 Postern and portcullis
36 Main squeeze
37 "— culpa"
39 Heavenly hunter
40 "I bet!"
41 Part 2 of remark
46 Faux —
49 Fireworks reaction
50 "— Boulevard" ('50 film)
51 They may be rolled
52 Billings or Mostel
53 Neighbor of Miss.
54 "— Blade" ('96 film)
55 Leans
57 It's taken by nurses
58 Sharp taste
60 Skater Midori
61 Wine choice
62 Nabokov novel
63 Kukla's colleague
65 Part 3 of remark
68 Fail to mention
69 Tedious
71 Sues or Shepard
72 Boathouse item
74 Objectives
77 Take on
78 Pack of partridges
80 Like many gyms
82 Cornfield cry
83 Calcium oxide
84 Non-stereo
85 Peaceful
86 Chemist Remsen
87 Singer Joey
88 Part 4 of remark
92 Heady quaffs
93 Respond to an alarm?
94 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
95 Fop's neckwear
98 Marsh bird
99 Facts, for short
102 Georgia athletes
103 Brit. fliers
104 Way to go?
105 Clean-air org.
108 Serenade accompaniment
109 End of remark
115 Fragrance
116 Peace of mind
117 "My word!"
118 Swimmer Gertrude
119 "Circus Boy" prop
120 Prophet
121 Lorre role
122 Triangular sail

DOWN
1 Spoke out
2 — Romeo
3 — shui
4 Medieval weapon
5 Kitchen gadget
6 Grenoble's river
7 Walrus weapon
8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
9 NCO
10 It may be major
11 Fatheads
12 — bloomer
13 "Yuck!"
14 Mehta and Muti
15 Iraqi city
16 Homeric work
17 Cool
18 Base stuff?
24 Bream of baseball
25 Actress Graff
31 "— Angel" ('60 smash)
32 "Pshaw!"
33 "Peer Gynt" composer
34 Non-standard contraction
35 "Mazel —!"
36 Fills the bill
37 Dough
38 Wharton work
39 "Smilla's Sense —" ('97 film)
40 Actuary's fig.
41 Ditch under a drawbridge
42 Road curve
43 Decree
44 Step — (hurry)
45 Nick of "The Deep"
46 Party animal?
47 Guy Fri.
48 Queens stadium
52 Raul of "The Addams Family"
55 At present
56 Rock's — Butterfly
57 Petite pooch
59 Bellyache
61 Journalist Ernie
62 Mime Yarnell
64 Picnic crasher?
66 Devastation
67 Fashionable event
69 Like Mussorgsky's mountain
70 Garfield's pal
73 Actor Guinness
75 Tie the knot
76 Fluctuate
78 Telescope view
79 Responsibility
80 Wired
81 — Plaines, IL
84 Exemplar of slowness
85 Cut cuticles
88 Cut coupons
89 "84 Charing Cross Road" author
90 Psychic Geller
91 — Paulo, Brazil
95 Uncouth
96 Boca —, FL
97 Ward off
98 Morley of "60 Minutes"
99 Charged atom
100 Puzo product
101 Singer Payne
102 Ink stain
103 Trick
104 Carthaginian queen
105 Raison d'—
106 Soccer superstar
107 Mideastern gulf
110 — kwon do
111 Jewel
112 Inflatable item?
113 Use a shuttle
114 Lepidopterist's need

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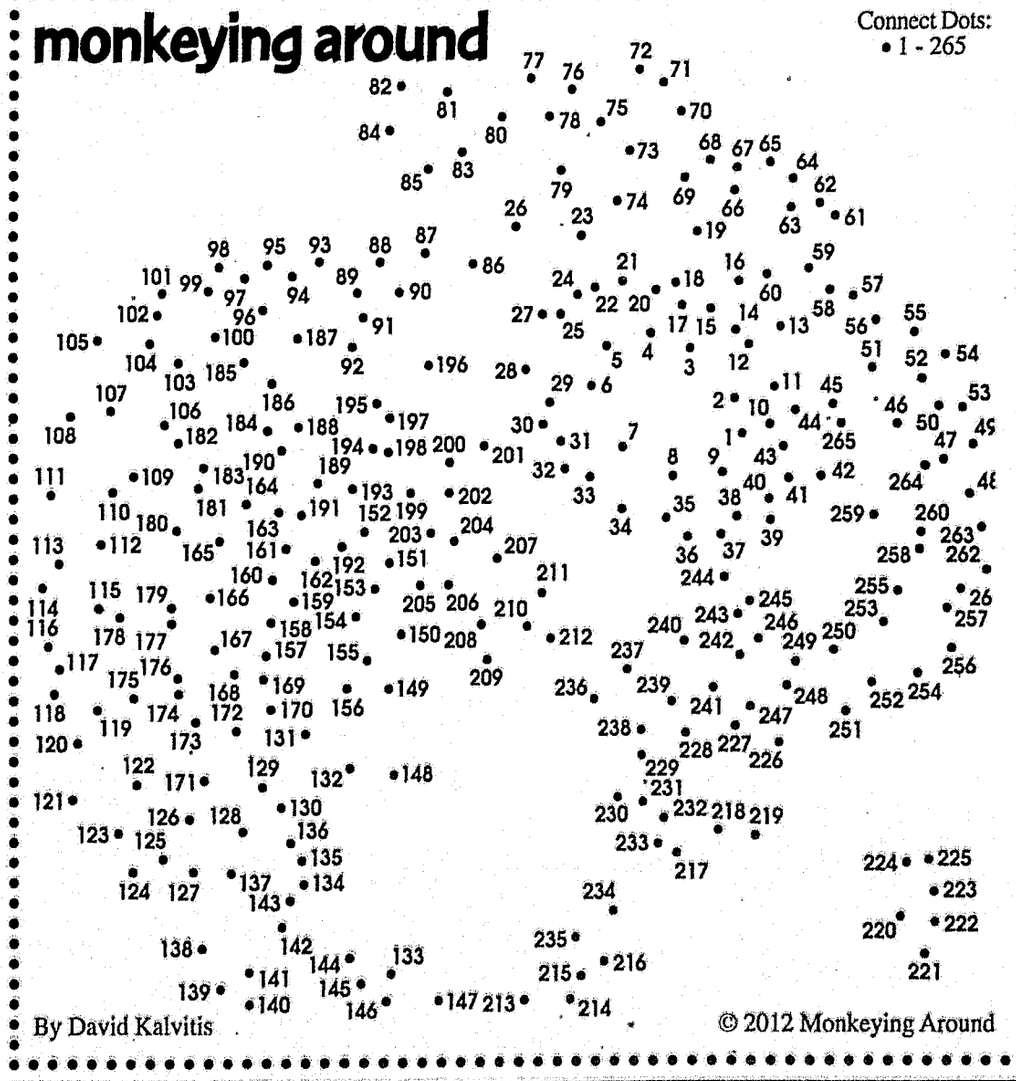
Connect Dots: • 1 - 265



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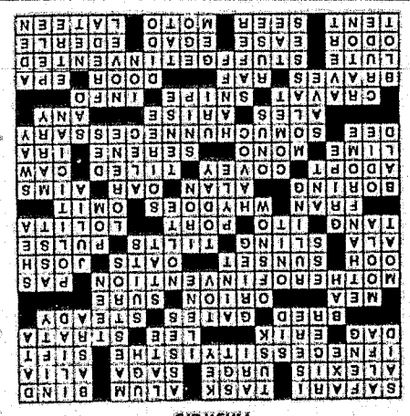
ANSWERS:

Scramblers:
1. Giant 2. Mumble 3. Gauge 4. Daunt
Today's Word: Budgeting

Super Crossword



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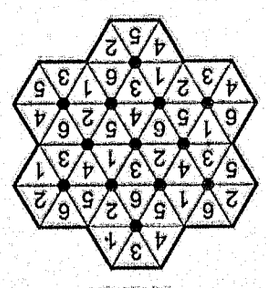

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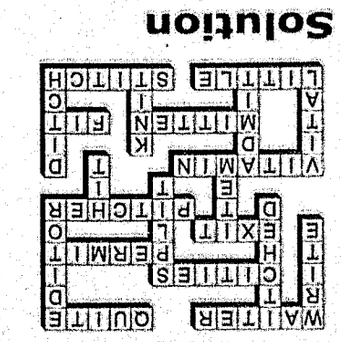

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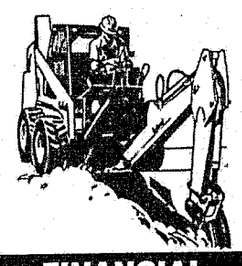

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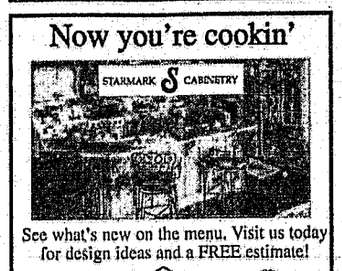

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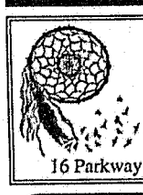
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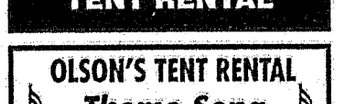
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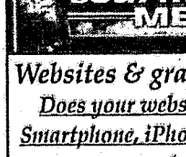
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14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A et seq.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed given by Ashmud, LLC to Machias Savings Bank ("MSB") dated March 16, 2009 and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds in Vol. 4416, Page 212 ("the Mortgage"); of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder; for breach of condition of the Mortgage and for purpose of foreclosing the same; there will be sold at Public Sale on April 5, 2012 commencing at 11:00 a.m. at The Sudbury Inn, 151 Main Street, Bethel, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

Property Description: Property situated generally at 151 Main Street and 8 Clark Street, both in Bethel, Maine, and more particularly described as follows:

"Parcel One: A certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bethel, aforesaid, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly side of Main Street in said Bethel, at the southwesterly corner of land formerly of Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane, later owned by Norman I. Greig and June B. Greig; thence southerly by Main Street a distance of about sixty-eight (68) feet to its intersection with the northerly line of Clark Street, so-called; thence easterly by Clark Street a distance of about one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence running northerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham, about seventy-four (74) feet to a stake and stones on the southerly line of land of said Greig; thence westerly by land of said Greig, a distance of about one hundred and sixty-eight (168) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Two: Also a parcel of land situated in said Bethel and being the easterly or rear portion of the larger tract conveyed by Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane to Norman L. Greig and June B. Greig by deed dated February 7, 1962 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 614, Page 98 and bounded and described as follow: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of land above referred to such point of beginning being located one hundred forty (140) feet easterly, measured along said line from the easterly line of Main Street; thence running northerly at right angles to line of said Sudbury Inn property to the southerly line of land formerly of Hiram H. Bean, later occupied by Harry Lyon; thence easterly by land formerly of said Bean, later occupied by Lyon, to the westerly line of land formerly of Morgan; thence southerly by land formerly of said Morgan to line of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence westerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham to the northeasterly corner of the above described parcel of land, and on the westerly by northerly line of said Sudbury Inn property, a distance of about twenty-eight (28) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Three: A certain lot or parcel of land being triangular in shape, and being the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust on the northerly side of Clark Street in said Bethel and being more particularly located and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust and which is located on the easterly extension of the southerly line of land of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greig and one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet, more or less, easterly along said line from the easterly bounds of Main Street; thence easterly along said extension of the Greigs' southerly line for a distance of thirty-two (32) feet to a point; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of other land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of forty-one (41) feet to a point on the westerly line of land now or formerly of said M & D Realty Trust; thence northerly along the westerly line of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of twenty-one (21) feet to the point of beginning. Parcel Four: A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Bethel and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land now or formerly of Norman and June Greig; easterly by land formerly of Gary Morgan; southerly by Clark Street; and westerly by land occupied by the Sudbury Inn being Parcel One above. Parcel Five: A certain lot or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Clark Street and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on the assumed easterly edge of the right of way of said Clark Street at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of one Morgan now of Frances M. Clark; thence in a northerly direction for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on line of land now of one Clark; thence in a westerly direction along line of land now or formerly of one Greig for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner; thence in a southerly direction and parallel to the first mentioned bound herein and along the line of land of Clymer for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground at the assumed edge of the right of way of the aforesaid Clark Street; thence in an easterly direction along said edge of said Clark Street for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to the iron pipe set in the ground at the point of beginning."

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Obituaries

FRANKLIN G. BEAN

Franklin G. Bean, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Bethel, Maine on Sept. 20, 1925 he was son of Herbert and Naomi (Smith) Bean. He was a graduate of Old Orchard Beach High School.

He was a veteran of the United States Army during WWII from 1944 to 1946 where he received a Purple Heart. He worked for Boise Cascade Paper Mill in Rumford on the unloading crew.

Franklin was a family man and family was very important to him. He was a member of the Napoleon Ouellette Post 24 American Legion, Jefferson Lodge 100; Knights of Pythias.

He was an avid gardener and Red Sox and PatriotS fan. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was married Dec. 24, 1946 to Ethel M. Pinkham who died in Rumford on April 4, 1998.

He is survived by three sons; David and his wife Patricia of Rumford Corner, Laird and his wife Corey of Hanover, Andrew of Rumford Corner; two daughters, Sharon Thibault and her husband Conrad of Litchfield, Malinda Gallant and her husband Timothy of Weld; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; two brothers, David H Bean and his wife Dorothy of Florida, Jonathan Bean and his wife Suzanne of Utah; sisters, Valerie Chapman of Belgrade, Alice Dale and Constance Bean of Florida, a special friend, Harold Bessey of Rumford Corner.

The family would like to thank the staff of Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice for their care and compassion.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online register book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27, at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, Rumford with Pastor Ed Gammon officiating. Those who desire may contribute to Androscoggin Home Care Health Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240.

ARDEN L. ANDREWS

Arden L. Andrews, 75, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

He was born in West Paris, Dec. 17, 1936, the son of John W. Andrews and Louella (Palmer) Andrews. He attended local schools and graduated from West Paris High School in 1954. Upon graduation, he was employed locally at various jobs before joining the U.S. Army in 1957, and served overseas in West Germany.

Arden married Beverly June Yates on Oct. 2, 1959, at her parents' home on High Street in West Paris. They enjoyed 44 years together and raised three children in their hometown, mostly at their Tuelltown Road residence that they built together. Beverly passed away in 2003.

During those years, Arden was a jack-of-all-trades and a master of some. He was employed locally as a carpenter and worked on projects in Portland, in York County and even in Florida, for a brief time during his early married life.

He worked throughout his life in logging and construction businesses owned by himself, his family and other individuals in the Oxford County area.

In the early 1960s, Arden began a lifelong fascination with mining in the pegmatite formations of western Maine. He supplied feldspar to Bell Minerals, and the successors of that corporation, during the twilight of the industry in West Paris. He mined mica in the early years with the Wheeler family in Bethel, and later for himself in the Albany area.

Arden also worked several years for the Plumbago Mining Co. searching for semi-precious gemstones at famous quarries throughout Oxford County.

He loved the idea that each blast of dynamite revealed something never before seen by human eyes and that it might be incredibly valuable.

He proudly accepted the nickname "Hardrock" pinned upon him by the early-morning coffee crowd at the former Trap Corner Store in West Paris.

Later in life, Arden bought and sold real estate throughout Oxford County. He often improved existing structures or built new homes to increase the value of his holdings.

Building pine-log vacation homes with spectacular, hill-top views was his specialty.

Old Ford pickups, small Case bucket-loaders, rustic antiques, spring wildflowers and brook trout from a roadside culvert were prized possessions for him. But any of them might be sold, traded, or given away on short notice as circumstances dictated. He was emotionally attached only to his family and close friends.

He is survived by his sister, Marilyn (Andrews) Estrada and her husband George of West Paris; a son, James Andrews and his wife Claire of Farmington; his daughter, Bethany (Andrews) Curtis and her husband David of Lewiston; his daughter, Jennifer Andrews of Denver, Colo.; he will also be missed by his four grandchildren, Bailey Curtis, Kyla Curtis, Grace Andrews and Benjamin Andrews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Beverly, in 2003; his three older brothers, Richard Andrews of West Paris, Howard Andrews of Cape Elizabeth and John Andrews of Sanford; and three sisters predeceased him, Miriam and Annie (as infants) and Sylvia (Andrews) King of Massachusetts and Illinois.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m., at Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Andrews Chapel, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. Spring interment will be at Pleasant Pond Cemetery.

THOMAS C. BROWN

Thomas C. Brown, 2nd, 72, of Andover, Maine, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at the Rumford Hospital, Rumford, Maine.

He was born in Kent, Conn., Dec. 20, 1939 and was the son of Rev. Leland A. Dickinson, Jr. and Florence Mary (Brown) Kraft. He graduated from Farmington High School in Farmington, Conn., attended University of Hartford in Connecticut, and graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington, Maine with his Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics.

Tom formerly worked at the State Hospital of Maine in Bangor, Maine as a night supervisor. He had attended the Andover Congregational Church, Andover, Maine. He was a member and past officer of St. Andrews Society of Maine.

Survivors include a brother, John Dickinson of Tequesta, Fla.; sister, Marian Anderson of Lunenburg, Mass.; step-sister, Nancy Kraft of Connecticut; step-brother, Thomas Kraft of Connecticut; foster brothers, Willis March of Connecticut and the late Clifford March; nephews, Leland and Bradley Anderson; nieces, Deborah Dickinson and Hazel Wightman; and a grand nephew, Jonathan Thomas Dickinson Wightman; step-mother, Phyllis Dickinson of Tennessee; and was predeceased by his step-father, Daniel F. Kraft; and step-mother, Irene Dickinson.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderandson.com.

Services will be private and held at the family's convenience.

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For you Dad,
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I think of all the things
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or the words of a certain song

No matter how much time passes
I will never be able to let go
of the love you always shared with us
and was never afraid to show

For when you died
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So as I sit here thinking of all the things
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Births

Tom and Cherie Gallant of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Hannah Rebecka, born on Feb. 16, 2012, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ann Morrill of Lisbon and Charles Morrill of Machias.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Gallant of Plattsburg, N.Y.

Engagements

Otten — Dodds

With great joy, Leslie B. Otten of Bethel, and Chris Bennett Otten of Brookline, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meredith B. Otten, to Kurt M. Dodds, son of Gerald and Julia Dodds of State College, Pa.

The couple lives in Philadelphia where Meredith, a UVM graduate and Babson MBA, works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as director of business development, and Kurt, a Penn State graduate and St. Joseph's MBA, is vice president and director of the Asset Management Group at PNC Financial.

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